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Former soldier issues plea for an Armed Forces drop-in centre

by GEM REPORTER

Robert Adams with best friend Mazey.

A former soldier has called for a 'drop-in centre' to be opened in Barry for Vale Armed Forces' veterans.

Robert Adams (54), who was in the Royal Engineers and served in the UK, Germany and Northern Ireland, said he had been angry to see the Vale Council recently publicising an Armed Services Covenant meeting.

"I think it is hypocrisy that the council signs up to the Covenant and we haven't even got a drop-in centre for local veterans.

"All we would need would be a couple of rooms – somewhere we could meet up one day a week, make tea or coffee, and have a speaker along to talk about a relevant issue like housing.

"In England, there are local authorities that have signed the Covenant and they provide mini-buses, day trips and priority housing – you don't see that in the Vale."

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise from the nation that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

Mr Adams estimates there could be around 1,300 to 1,500 former services personnel in the Vale – a fertile recruiting ground over the decades – and he thinks veterans should have a regular point of contact where they can discuss their experiences and find out what help is available.

Mr Adams suffers from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a neck injury, spinal problems, loss of hearing, and he suffered a bullet wound in Northern Ireland.

When he wanted to return home to the Vale from the West Midlands four years ago, he says he was told by housing officials that he had little chance of getting a property.

"Although I was originally from the Vale and had letters from the housing officer, a psychiatrist and a GP in Kidderminster, I was considered a low priority and given bronze status.

"I moved in to private rented accommodation in Barry, thanks to a family friend. The council will find properties and provide support for refugees you can guarantee that.

"The Vale Council should have staff who are pro-active and employed as outreach workers to make contact with veterans before they have breakdowns.

"Many veterans are returning from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria with PTSD."

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Mr Adams said he was speaking up, not just for the present generation of soldiers, but future ones – because he thinks that with the spread of ISIS our Armed Forces are likely to be involved in military conflicts again in the future.

In 2012, a Healthcare Inspectorate Wales report looked into the health care received by veterans in Wales, and among the contributors was a Vale veteran who said he would like to see a drop-in centre opened locally.

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A new sign was erected on Harbour Road directed at drivers leaving the Island, stating: 'You are now leaving BARRY'. People were baffled, asking: 'Shouldn't it read Barry Island?'
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Fishing first for Barry's blue shark hunters...

by GEM REPORTER

A BARRY man and his friend from Cardiff, have notched up a record-breaking first – fishing for 'blue sharks' from kayaks in the Celtic Deeps.

Mike Burnett (45) and Greg Bowes (60) planned the adventure after one of their less taxing fishing trips out in the Bristol Channel.

Mike explained: "We were at Sully Yacht Club and chatted about catching sharks, and were both keen to have a go."

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A successful shark catch – which was released back into the sea.
IMAGE by DAVE LEWIS

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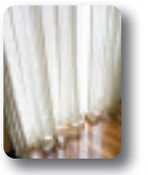

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'Community mapping' for Wenvoe

FOLLOWING successful 'community mapping' work in St Athan, the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team is working with the Wenvoe Community Council on another community mapping project.

Lis Burnett, deputy leader of the Vale Council, and cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "Following the great success of the community mapping pilot in St Athan, we're extending it to the Wenvoe and Rhoose communities.

"The work in St Athan has brought people together to champion their community and drive forward new activities and projects."

A council spokesperson said: "Community mapping is a way of bringing a community together to focus on the positives in their neighbourhood, and to also look at solutions to any problems arising.

"The process involves getting people talking about what already exists, in terms of social assets (community groups and organisations and individuals), physical assets (community centres, open spaces and businesses), and what really matters to the community."

The Creative Rural Communities team was at the Wenvoe Village Show on Saturday (September 17).

If you could not make that event, but would like to have your say, you can complete the Wenvoe community survey by visiting www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wenvoe.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways walks

ON Thursday, September 29 at 10am, 'Anaerobic Digester!', an eight-mile walk will start from the Six Bells pub car park in Penmark.

Tea on the beach

MEMBERS of Soroptimist International Barry and District will be offering coffee, tea, soft drinks and cakes from a beach hut on Barry Island from 10am – 4pm on Friday, September 30.

Donations to the Macmillan appeal.

Macmillan coffee morning

AT Golau Caredig on Gladstone Road, Barry at 10am on Friday, September 30 there will be a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan.

It will be hosted by Jane Hutt AM and Barry Community Choir will sing throughout the morning; British Heart Foundation will also be present. A raffle will be held, along with coffee/tea and cake!

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Debate over plan to cull the Commons to 600 MPs – *Welsh UK representation will be cut to 29*

I APPLAUD whoever is responsible for making a move on reducing the number of Members of Parliament from 650 to 600.

The UK has a population of 57 million (*sic*), so the average responsibility each MP has for all his or her constituents, equals to approximately 88,000.

With 50 MPs being discarded, the average would amount to 95,000. These figures include all persons and that relates to children of all ages.

It is ironic to consider that the USA, which has a population of 320 million, has 530 senators.

The average number of people responsible to each senator averages out at 630,000.

How on earth can any Member of Parliament complain about plans to reduce MPs by 50, when it is plainly obvious the figure should be more than the 50 recommended?

I have no doubt that should this be passed in Parliament, the Welsh Assembly will demand more AMs for the Senedd.

FMD Knill,
Pendoylan.

***FOOTNOTE**: Under the boundary proposals, Wales stands to lose a quarter of its MPs – to 29 in total.*

Do GEM readers feel this is adequate – or fear, as some do, that it would adversely affect Welsh democratic representation in the UK Parliament?

In light of the proposals to reduce the number of MPs in the Commons, do you have a view on the near 800-strong membership of the House of Lords?

'Britain could always stand on its own feet'

I AM an 86-year-old Yorkshireman with strong views about my country. As for Brexit, we should never have joined the EU in the first place.

We could always stand alone, and we have become so entangled in the union that it will take ages to untangle.

I always wanted out, but I thought about the credentials of those who wanted us to remain:

A failed American president, who in two terms of office still couldn't close Guantanamo Bay, couldn't reduce domestic gun crime, and couldn't bring in a cheap healthcare system for poor folk.

Lord Kinnock said if he became Prime Minister, he would abolish the House of Lords. He couldn't get there quick enough!

If you don't like it here, whoever you are, knuckle down and you will enjoy our forthcoming prosperity.

Mr Gerald Parsons,
Barry.

Signs that countries *will* trade with UK

WITH Europe making veiled threats about trade deals, perhaps we should look at all the French and German cars pouring into the country.

Maybe we should put a tax on them; after all, we buy a lot more from them than they do from us.

I see that Australia, New Zealand and other countries are getting friendly again and also the USA, which bodes well.

Nigel Lloyd,
Barry.

Brexit views not mind reading...

WITH reference to the several responses to my letter about the EU Referendum, which were published last week (September 15), I'd like to briefly make the following four observations:

1. I did no 'mind reading' as accused by one of your respondents. My assertions are based upon research and interviews carried out, following the Referendum, by qualified agencies on the motives of why votes were cast one way or another.

2. The prickly response of the Brexiters, verbal or written, does suggest that in hindsight at least some of them, perhaps only subconsciously, are having second thoughts about the wisdom of their vote.

3. The fact is on record that the main leaders of the Brexit campaign did lie, and that remaining in the EU was, and is, supported by business leaders who know what it means and are the life blood of our economy.

4. In my letters, I make no personal reference to any individuals, to avoid personal insult.

However, the contempt shown me by some of the responses, with endless personal digs at me by name, suggests that they, including certain councillors, could do with a little basic education in good manners.

Marc Delaney,
Barry.

THANK YOU

ENID, Nathan and Gwilym Evans, of Sycamore Farm, Bonvilston, would like to thank all who came to the coffee morning to raise money for Myeloma UK.

Thank you too for the contribution of cakes and raffle prizes and for the many donations received from those unable to attend; £831 was raised and donated to the charity.

Gwilym M H T Evans,
Bonvilston.

Quakers are not about cereals!

PENARTH local Quaker meetings take place each Sunday in The Kymin, Beach Road, Penarth, from 10.30am to 11.30am.

We welcome visitors (adults and children) to any of our meetings, but especially on October 2 and 9, during Quaker Week.

Perhaps you think Quakers are something to do with oats? They died out years ago? They wear funny clothes?

In our meetings, we sit in stillness, giving us time to become aware of God, and connect with others.

We find God in ourselves and those around us, seek to live in peace and equality, and work creatively together to build a better world. For example, we collect donations for Penarth Foodbank every Sunday.

We are one of nearly 500 meetings of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

Our website at www.quaker.org.uk will tell you lots more about us!

Vanessa Mordin,
Penarth.

'Unequal' learning opportunities in Vale of Glamorgan?

I HAVE just read the prospectus for Adult Community Learning in the Vale.

It offers courses in a variety of activities, provided in three areas.

Of these, 33 are offered in Barry, 166 in Cowbridge and Llantwit Major and 75 in Penarth.

This does not reflect the population distribution in the Vale of Glamorgan. What is going on?

Ivor Arnold, Barry.

Fast broadband?

I HAVE just read the article in last week's GEM regarding broadband provision in the Vale claiming 90 per cent have a superfast connection. I would love that!

I live in the Drope, near St George's Super Ely. Our download speed is about 1mbps and frequently we cannot get any signal.

Friends living less than a mile from us in Cardiff across the link road from the M4 to Culverhouse Cross, have a download speed of 4mbps.

Andy Brown,
St George's Super Ely.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
22 Thur	11.03	9.5	23.31	9.2
23 Fri	11.57	8.8		
24 Sat	00.32	8.5	13.04	8.3
25 Sun	01.39	8.0	14.22	8.2
26 Mon	03.09	7.9	15.49	8.2
27 Tues	04.28	8.3	16.54	8.7
28 Wed	05.31	8.8	17.52	9.2
29 Thur	06.16	9.3	18.34	9.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Barry man pleads guilty to sex assaults

A YOUNG woman who was sexually attacked on two occasions, later told the police she continually cried and at one time believed she was going to be raped, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

Supermarket worker Joshua Perry (25) of Goodwick Close, Barry, pleaded guilty to two charges of sexual assault.

He received a community order for three years, involving 150 hours unpaid work.

He was also directed to take part in a sex offender group programme.

Judge Christopher Vosper QC told him: "If you had not pleaded guilty, custody would have been the only option."

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said the attacks occurred in the Barry area.

On one occasion, Perry tried to kiss the woman and she rebuffed him.

He later approached her again and she "froze", tensed up and was then assaulted, added Mr Trigg.

On one occasion in June, he asked her for sex and she again refused.

She pushed him away, using force, and he grabbed a breast, continued Mr Trigg.

"Eventually, Perry got the message," he said.

In a frightened state she telephoned a friend, texted her boyfriend for help and later the police were called.

When arrested, Perry tried to minimise what he had done. He was said to have previous convictions, including criminal damage, affray, battery and possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

In a victim impact statement, the woman said: "I have been really affected by the situation and I thought he was going to rape me. I feel sick all the time now, and I feel a totally different person."

She added that she was continually breaking down, and didn't wish to be alone.

"I'm angry about what he did to me," she added, and said her doctor had referred her for counselling.

She also stated: "I can't stop crying all the time".

Perry's counsel, Matthew Roberts, said: "To his credit, he desisted once he knew he was not welcome. At the time, he had had an argument with his partner. He knows he could face an immediate prison sentence."

Mr Roberts said it was the first time Perry had committed such offences.

Said the Judge: "It's right to say that from the outset, you admitted what you had done."

He said the victim impact statement indicated the woman was plainly very distressed by what occurred.

"She has been caused continuing problems," he said.

Perry was directed to register as a sex offender for five years.

'Ten flats without parking is too many!' – *insists councillor*

PLANS to build 10 flats in a Barry town centre location have been opposed by Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who said the plans were an "over-development of the site".

Proposals for the old Midland Bank/HSBC at 33 Holton Road, on the junction with Lombard Street, would see an extension to the rear of the current building and an extra floor being added.

Fronting Holton Road, the plans would keep the current shop space.

Opposing the plans at Barry Town Council's September planning committee meeting, Coun Johnson explained: "I have no problem with the well-established principle that the upper floors of Holton Road shops should become town centre housing.

"However, by adding an extra floor of housing and extending it as far back as possible to the lane behind, this is an over-development of the site which should be refused.

"Ten flats without any parking spaces makes no sense in an over-crowded street. There is limited space for bins and recycling and cramming as much housing as possible facing onto Lombard Street will dominate the view."

Coun Johnson, who is also on the Vale Council, added: "The building owners should concentrate on keeping the rear parking area tidy and creating a sustainable town centre development from what is already a large building."

Coun Ian Johnson at the proposed site.

Vale to improve a key junction

THIS month and October sees the Vale Council undertake environmental improvement work to the land at the junction of Cardiff Road (A4055) and Sully Moors Road (B267).

Cou Lis Burnett, Deputy Leader of the Council, said: "The work under way at the junction of Cardiff road and Sully Moors Road further represents our commitment to improving the environment and increasing the lure of the Vale of Glamorgan."

Choirs at the Senedd

SINGERS from the Porthkerry Community Choir of Barry were among those performing at the Senedd for the bank holiday weekend open day, August 27, performing a range of upbeat, fun, *a capella* songs.

They were accompanied by the Ron Macauley drumming group and the choirs were led by Laura Bradshaw.

Singers from Cardiff, Barry, Bridgend, and Newport, as well as asylum seekers from the Oasis Centre music project, took part.

Gareth Coombes, who had booked them to perform, said: "It was a real highlight! You were brilliant."

CARING TEENAGER ELERI IS 'A CREDIT TO BARRY'

BARRY teenager Eleri Borges, aged 15, hosted a coffee morning at Goleu Carredig in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, in memory of her grandfather, Malcolm Borges who died in 2008 having received care by Macmillan cancer nurses in his final days.

A continual stream of people attended the coffee morning where hot drinks, and Eleri's homemade cakes and biscuits were available. The coffee morning was a success, having aimed to raise £150, but surpassed expectations by raising £162.11 – all of which will be donated to Macmillan in order to support the care they provide.

Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale said: "It is hugely impressive to see a 15-year-old organise such a successful community event. I was very pleased to see local people pouring through the doors to support her efforts.

"Eleri is a credit to Barry, her kindness and thought for others is truly inspirational. Her cakes aren't half bad, either!"

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MPs in spat over airport tax and the consequences for Cardiff Airport's future

PENARTH'S Labour MP Stephen Doughty has slammed neighbouring Conservative MP Alun Cairns, who represents the Vale, claiming he had voted to restrict the growth of Cardiff Airport by blocking plans to devolve powers over Air Passenger Duty (APD).

Speaking in a Commons debate last week, Mr Doughty claimed Mr Cairns' actions would help Cardiff's rival airport, Bristol.

"With Cardiff Airport just 15 minutes down the road from my constituency and from our capital city, it seems odd that a Wales Office Minister—indeed, the Secretary of State—rather than getting the best deal for Wales, should stand up for an airport on the other side of the Severn Bridge and encourage passengers to go over there."

Following the debate, he added: "Alun Cairns should be standing up for jobs and lower prices for consumers in the Vale – and not least shorter journeys – by unshackling Cardiff Airport. Instead, he's bizarrely backing Bristol.

"Cardiff Airport has been turned around since the Welsh Labour Government got involved and there are many more passengers travelling and routes opening up.

"We should be backing that turnaround by giving Wales the power over APD, but instead the local Tory MP has blocked it."

Alun Cairns told The GEM that devolution of the tax to Labour in Wales could prove a risk.

"I am delighted by the increased passenger numbers at Cardiff Airport, the expanded route availability, and predictions for continuing growth.

"I will continue to work constructively with the management of the airport, aiming to secure further routes and add yet more economic value to the local area as well as Wales more widely.

"On APD, it is interesting that many people make the assumption that the Labour Welsh Government would reduce the tax if it were devolved. Labour's record of raising APD in government, however, tells a different story.

"Devolution of the tax to Labour in Cardiff Bay could be a risk for Cardiff Airport. A Labour tax hike on plane journeys would harm routes and passenger numbers," he added.

MYSTERY OF THE BARRY ISLAND CAUSEWAY SIGN IS FINALLY SOLVED!

A mystery sign on Harbour Road, directed at drivers leaving the Island left local residents and day trippers perplexed because it stated: '*You are now leaving Barry*' – rather than leaving Barry Island.

People contacted The GEM to say 'Surely it's a mistake?'

Some took to Twitter to voice their bafflement.

People wondered whether the council had got its wires crossed. One suggestion was that perhaps it should have been located on the Port Road, for drivers leaving Barry.

Coun Lis Burnett, Deputy Leader of the Vale Council was able to put the mystery to rest.

She explained: "I'm really pleased to see high-profile programmes filming in the Vale. This sign was associated with one of those and put up for a short period of time while filming took place.

"Eagle-eyed residents spotted it on Tuesday and tweeted about it.

"It was quickly picked up by the Vale of Glamorgan Council when we were able to confirm via social media that it was not put up by the council."

Soldier's drop-in centre plea

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The Vale Council has said it supports the 'Count Them In' campaign, which calls on the UK Government to include specific questions relating to military personnel in the next UK Census.

The charity Change Step, which offers 'veteran-to-veteran' support over issues such as housing and mental health, has lobbied Parliament to help track down servicemen and women who may need help, but are falling through the net.

David Ireland, of Change Step, told The GEM he had recently been to Westminster to appeal to MPs for information to be sent out to the general population asking whether they had ever been a member of the Armed Forces and what sort of help might they need.

He said that since 2015, he had had five referrals of people who needed help in the Barry area, but that there may be others.

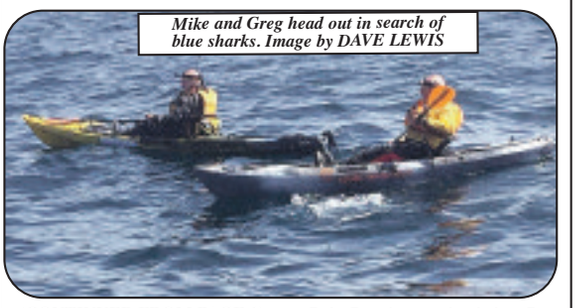
***A Vale Council spokesman said**: "In 2011, the council launched the first Armed Forces Covenant in Wales. In doing so, we committed ourselves to ensuring that those who serve, or have served in the Armed Forces, are in no way disadvantaged when accessing council services.*

"Further to this, we work to enable not just serving and former members of HM Armed Forces, but also their families, to easily access the help and support they are entitled to."

"As a result of this work, we are aware that there is some demand from the Armed Forces community for a service in line with that which Mr Adams describes.

"This is why we are currently working with a number of other organisations, from both the public and voluntary sectors, to investigate whether such a service could be provided in the Vale."

BLUE SHARK HUNTERS!



Mike and Greg head out in search of blue sharks. Image by DAVE LEWIS

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Mike continued: "We wanted to do something a bit more challenging than the standard fishing we were used to."

The men were able to charter a boat – *Lady Jue 5* – with another keen fisherman Rob Rennie.

Mike went on: "The adventure involved a trip out of Milford Haven marina on Saturday, August 13 at 6am in the morning.

"On the day there were large swells and big waves so it was quite a slog to our destination."

On board were Mike, Greg, Rob, some friends keen to fish from the boat, and Dave Lewis and Paul Fenech who wanted to record the day for Sea Angler Magazine.

Mike said: "We were heading for an area 35 miles off Milford Haven called the Celtic Deeps. It took us around two hours to get there."

Rob Rennie set the baits. Ryan Bowes hooked the first shark, followed by Brendan Geach and Paul Fenech. Philip Bowes caught the biggest blue shark on the day – 96lbs.

"Greg and I kitted up and then launched the kayaks. There were 20-plus sharks caught on the day and we were the first kayak anglers to catch blue sharks in the Celtic Deeps.

"It was a sporting challenge and the sharks were released back into the sea."

The lads are featured in the latest edition of Sea Angler Magazine.

Mike has a You Tube channel 'Hookline andstinker' where people can view his fishing adventures.

To watch 'Kayak Blue Shark Fishing Celtic Deeps' go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxMCDUP2Ss1

The success of local ballet school featured in S4C documentary

Rhiannon Staples (associate of Ballet Cymru,) Stefanie Maurer (associate of The Royal Ballet) and Caitlin Coles (associate of Ballet Cymru) photographed at St Fagan's National History Museum. Bridget Peake has also obtained an associate place with The Royal Ballet.

FOUR students from the Barry and Cardiff-based Nicola Peros Ballet School are celebrating their success in winning 'associate places' with The Royal Ballet and Ballet Cymru.

An S4C documentary, examining the school's success, will be broadcast soon.

Stefanie Maurer (9), Bridget Peake (13), Rhiannon Staples (14) and Caitlin Coles (15) join a growing list of students from Nicola Peros Ballet that have been awarded associate places with the national ballet companies and have then gone on to take up vocational places with the top ballet and dance schools in the country.

To date, the school has had four students go to The Elmhurst School of Dance in Birmingham and has one former student, Maisie French, aged 13, starting her third year of full-time training at White Lodge, The Lower Royal Ballet School.

It has another student, Seren Cummings training at Hammond School, Chester and two former students, Rochelle Davies and Chloe Davies, both training at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London.

For a local ballet school it is certainly packing a punch in the dance world with seven students aged between nine and 17 years old all successfully auditioning and winning places to perform in the English National Youth Ballet's production of *Sleeping Beauty* this year, which took place at The New Theatre, Cardiff over the summer.

The school also has a 100-per-cent pass rate in all Royal Academy of Dance examinations with grades of merit or distinction.

Stephanie Maurer, who is a junior associate, and Bridget Peake, who is a mid-associate, have both obtained another year to train with The Royal Ballet.

The associate programme nurtures young, talented students between the ages of eight and 15 in pursuit of excellence in pre-vocational classical ballet training.

Both Rhiannon Staples and Caitlin Coles have been awarded places with Ballet Cymru. The Ballet Cymru associate programme is an elite dance training programme for young, talented ballet dancers, aged 11+.

Ballet school principal, Nicola Peros said: "I am extremely proud of my students. They have shown real commitment throughout all their ballet training and it just shows that hard work really does pay off in the end if you want to follow your dreams.

"It is an exciting time for dance in Wales now with two national dance companies on our doorstep and with Welsh dancers making it into the top ballet companies."

Nicola Peros Ballet holds classes for children from the age of three and above and adults in St Nicholas Hall, Barry and Cowbridge Road, Cardiff. The school will also be starting contemporary dance classes with leading Welsh dancer, Michael Williams at the end of September.

The school will be featured in an S4C TV documentary series on dance, which is scheduled to be screened at the end of October.

For further information visit the website: www.nicolaperosballet.com or visit the Facebook page, or email: info@nicolaperosballet.com or telephone: 01446 721899; mobile: 07850741136.

Lodge hands £1,630 tribute donation to Barry RNLI

BREAKSEA Lodge of Barry presented a donation of £1,630 to the Barry Dock RNLI, in memory of their members Dai Sam Davies, Doc Stephens and EGW Powell (Ted) who passed away in May. Ted had received the MBE for his services to the RNLI.

The donation was raised at a summer social event at the Seashore Bar and Grill, Sully, which was attended by many friends and Freemasons, and also Beryl Davies, wife of Dai Sam, and their family.

The lodge has historic maritime connections after being named after the Breaksea Lightship. So it was very appropriate for Patrick and Nicola Jones to present the cheque on the Barry Dock lifeboat, after a trip around Whitmore Bay, Barry Island.

Patrick said: "We thank the crew for taking us out on the lifeboat and letting us take the helm, which was very special and a memorable day indeed."

In their two-year term with Patrick as Worshipful Master of Breaksea Lodge, Patrick and Nicola Jones have donated £1,000 to the George Thomas Hospice in memory of Wayne Lewis from the previous summer social event; raised £1,600 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital at a ladies' night in November; and also taken part in the Walk Around Wales.

"We thank SA Brain & Co, KCS Transport and Lee and Andrew Selby for their kind donations of auction prizes and all those who generously donated raffle prizes – and last but not least all those who came and supported us and the RNLI."

Councillor 'staggered' at the housing allocation for Cosmeston area

A Vale councillor has said he was "staggered" when he found out the planning housing allocation for the Cosmeston area had been increased from 235 houses to 576 houses.

Sully and Lavernock councillor Kevin Mahoney said new LDP plans revealed the increase in the allocation.

The Vale Council said it had "no option" but to follow a planning inspector's advice, and said its planning department was one of the best performing in Wales.

Coun Mahoney told The GEM: "To say that even I am staggered by this latest proposal by the Vale to shoehorn another 576 houses into the Cosmeston area, plus a new school and a park and ride site would be the understatement of the decade.

"I have consistently lodged objections during the consultation process of even the original submitted 235 houses, and park and ride for the green wedge at Cosmeston as being ill advised and misguided.

"If these proposals are passed then we could see 576 houses at Cosmeston to add to the already approved 350 houses in Sully."

Coun Mahoney said it would be chaos during the morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up at a new primary school, and there would be large volumes of traffic travelling to the 'park and ride' site at Cosmeston Park.

He pointed out that extra traffic volumes from the new houses being built in Barry also affected the area because people used Sully and Lavernock Road as a Dinas Powys bypass.

He said the Labour Party appeared "hell bent on completely concreting over the whole of the eastern Vale despite the entire road infrastructure already grinding to a halt under existing traffic volumes".

He added: "Enough is Enough! Look elsewhere for other areas to share the housing burden it's madness to keep building in the same places.

"I once again publicly call for an independent enquiry into the fitness of purpose of the Vale planning department, whose main planning policy appears to be, identify a green field and shove a couple of hundred houses on it regardless of the consequences."

LDP CHANGES

Lis Burnett of the Vale cabinet explained that the LDP was submitted to the Welsh Government earlier this year and the verdict of the appointed planning inspector was that some changes should be made.

"One of these changes was the specific allocation of additional land for housing to provide certainty on where future housing growth would occur. Alongside this change, the overall dwelling supply figure has dropped from 10,452 to 10,408.

"The reason for this change is that the inspector has placed a greater reliance on the need for allocated sites and a lesser reliance on windfall (or unallocated growth) during the plan period.

"In updating the plan the council has followed the advice of the planning inspector and Welsh Government, and that advice made clear that the focus should be on allocating sites in the south east of the Vale. We have adapted the LDP accordingly. This includes the addition of 341 houses to the Cosmeston Farm site.

"It's all well and good for Coun Mahoney to be 'staggered' but the council has had no option other than to follow the advice offered by the planning inspector.

"Coun Mahoney suggests that other areas should share the 'housing burden' but this would be to ignore the inspector's advice and guidance that allocations should be provided in areas of greatest housing need. The areas in greatest need are the towns of Barry and Penarth.

"If Coun Mahoney had fully engaged with the process to date he would be aware of the controversy around this issue. However, it is not too late as he can still engage and make his views known to the inspector by following the advice provided on the council's website."

She added: "It is both unfair and totally unacceptable to criticise openly, one of the highest performing council planning departments in Wales, particularly when officers are merely following statutory process and independent advice."

Think again on post office closure

Congratulations to Rob Taylor of Barry for his letter regarding post office closure, asking: "Was it a done deal"? Yes, I am sure it was a done deal, and so are the residents of Golau Caredig Barry.

We had just had our AGM when The GEM was delivered, and all of the comments had been raised at the meeting.

One thing could also be added; disability these days is taken seriously and Barry Town Council has made such an effort to make the town disabled-friendly.

As Rob Taylor says, many branches are not fit for purpose. I took my wife in her electric wheelchair to two of the suggested sites and found that although they marginally met the regulations in a crowded situation, it was discouraging.

We all urge the Post Office to think again about their decision to close this facility.

Eric Hands, Barry.
Chairman of the Tenants' Committee, Golau Caredig.

RHOOSE COMMUNITY CINEMA LAUNCH IS A SELL OUT SUCCESS!

by GEM REPORTER

RHOOSE Community Cinema opened last weekend with a sell-out audience.

One of the organisers Jo Wain told The GEM: "It was a fabulous launch weekend. The community hall was transformed back to the golden age of Hollywood, and villagers were captivated by the films that were screened – *Eddie the Eagle* and *Zootropolis*.

"Jen and I were thrilled that the community supported the project.

"We want to thank our local sponsors because without their generosity this wouldn't have been made possible, and say thank you to the core team of volunteers who made everything run so smoothly over the weekend.

"Rhoose sometimes feels like the forgotten village in the Vale and is seriously lacking in amenities for the community.

"The volunteers hope this will be just the start of things to come and are looking forward to welcoming lots of new faces at the next screenings which are being shown on Saturday, October 15, *Jungle Book* (PG) and *Golden Years* (12A)."

For more information, go to Rhoose Community Cinema's Facebook page or the website *rhoosecinema.co.uk*.

The Rhoose Community Cinema volunteers who made the launch weekend such a success.

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Barbara Wilson's family with Vale cabinet member, Coun Gwyn John, the Vale Mayor, and the Mayor's consort, Mr Nigel Gibbs.

Colcot tribute to a 'remarkable woman'

THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, was honoured to accept an invitation to unveil a plaque dedicated to Barbara Wilson at the Colcot Community centre, Barry.

The Mayor said: "We are here to pay tribute to a remarkable woman – Barbara Wilson. Centres like this are the heart of any community… and Barbara did not just run this centre for 30 years – she brought it to life.

"Barbara was greatly respected by all, and worked tirelessly to allow everyone to have access. Her main love was dancing – and this is still carried on by everyone who still dances here – a wonderful legacy in itself.

"I am absolutely sure that everyone will still continue to benefit from Barbara's time here in lots of ways and it was a great honour to officially unveil a plaque in tribute to her."

Two new 'recruits' for Rotary Club of Barry!

President Paul Halstead and president-elect Jill Osborne welcome new members David and Lynne Jakeway.

THE Rotary Club of Barry has inducted two new members, David and Lynne Jakeway.

Speaking on behalf of the club, president Paul Halstead said he was delighted to welcome a husband and wife team, as new members of the club.

The new members have joined during a busy time for the club. During the summer the club attended the Vale Show providing free blood pressure checks, as well as supporting the Alzheimer's Society. The Vale foodbank continues to receive monthly donations and members assisted the foodbank to move into on new premises in the middle of September.

At the end of September, members will compete with of Cardiff Bay Rotary club in the first round of the district quiz.

In October, the club will receive a visit from the district governor and plans are well in hand for the annual 'firework fiesta' to be held on Barry Island, 'come rain or shine', on November the 5th.

This will be followed by an international charity lunch later that month.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook on Thursdays at 6pm for 6.30pm. If you would like further information, contact Phil Hunt, club secretary, on 01446 720000 or look online at www.ribi.org.

Library is handed over to community

THE management of Wenvoe Library has been formally transferred to Wenvoe Community Library Ltd, making it the second community library established in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The transfer comes after it was announced earlier this year that the Vale Council was in discussion with community groups in five locations about taking over responsibility for running their local library.

The Vale Council has set aside £100,000 to help cover start-up costs and improvements to existing buildings for community groups taking on the responsibility of their libraries, and Wenvoe will benefit from a share of this funding.

Wenvoe library will also receive ongoing support from the council, in the form of IT access, book stock, other library resources and professional advice.

Opening hours at Wenvoe will not change and library members will still be able to use all other libraries in the Vale.

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Choir to give flavour of a mass event

Barry Male Voice Choir performing in April.

IN October, Barry Male Voice Choir will be a part of an uplifting occasion – joining a choir of 800 voices.

All tickets for that concert have been sold, but music followers of Barry needn't worry!

On Thursday, September 29, the Barry Male Voice Choir will provide a flavour of this memorable concert at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry, at 7.30pm.

Tickets (£5) are available from choir members or by telephoning 01446 402398 or at the door.

"Come along, support your choir, be inspired by emotional Welsh hymns, subtle harmonies and stirring choruses," they urged.

PRIDE IN BARRY OPEN FORUM

PRIDE in Barry is holding its next meeting on September 29, upstairs in the Cherry Orchard, Barry Road.

The meeting will start at 6pm and while there are a few admin tasks to attend to, the latter part of the meeting will be an open forum, where it would welcome views on anything Barry-related; all are welcome.

For further details, see its Facebook and Twitter pages or email chairman@prideinbarry.co.uk.

Don't neglect your feet!

ANY elderly person with foot care problems is invited to a new session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Sessions are from 2pm to 4pm and will run fortnightly at a cost of £12.

Appointments can be made and further information is available on 02922 331113, or call in and see Nona Hexter at the shop.

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Penarth appeal for organ restoration

The chancel showing the exterior of the organ.

ALL Saints Church Penarth is launching a major campaign – to raise £100,000 for the restoration of the organ, that was installed in 1954.

Under the management of a Parochial Church Council sub-committee, the project will involve a complete overhaul and modernisation of the instrument.

The church has had three organs since the first, 125 years ago, when All Saints in Victoria Square was consecrated. Two were destroyed by fire: in 1926, the building was almost completely razed to the ground, being rebuilt and re-hallowed in 1928 with a new organ. But on March 1941, the building was again burned down as a result of enemy action. After the war, the church was rebuilt and a new organ installed in September 1954.

Even though the organ has been well maintained, recently it has failed to provide predictable and reliable performance. Among other faults, the electrical system is in urgent need of replacement.

In addition to making applications for grant funding from a variety of sources, and an appeal for donations and requests for pipe sponsorship, all associated church organisations are being encouraged to become involved in fundraising activities.

The church is used by many organisations in the community for public concerts, school services and civic occasions as well as for family services in times of joy and sadness so the organisers hope there will be wide support for their appeal.

With a commitment from a major donor and other gifts, together with the proceeds of concerts, the project is off to a good start.

Those wishing to contribute to the fund can do so by one-off donations, sponsoring a pipe, a standing order, a pledge to donate later or organising a fundraising event.

For more details, contact www.allsaintsappeal.co.uk.

ROGER G THOMAS

Lost for words talk inspires Probus club

ON September 13, Alan Badmington spoke to Dinas Powys Probus Club members about how growing up with a severe stammer had impacted on his life and later, on learning how to control it after attending an intensive course in self-belief and motivation. His talk was both poignant and humorous.

Alan was unable to pronounce 19 of the 26 letters of the alphabet with any confidence and so he planned ahead of any coming situation by having in his mind alternatives with which to start a conversation.

He always carried with him a written note of his name, or a shopping list or destination on public transport, to give to others. He had no confidence in his ability to ask for help or directions and such like.

When he realised that he had to face his fears, he applied to join the police force in Monmouthshire. He pre-planned on what he could or would say at the interview and was accepted. Although he achieved high grades in promotional tests, his stammer meant that he could not work on the streets and so was restricted to internal administration duties.

However, he was a great success playing the role of Goldilocks in a police pantomime, where, because he was Goldilocks and not himself, he was stammer free for the whole performance. A strange phenomenon is that when singing, no-one stammers.

In 2000, at his wife's insistence, he attended a seminar at Hereford for people with his condition which emphasised self-belief as a means to overcome personal difficulties, and he followed this by signing up for an four-day course in Cardiff on the power of self-belief.

The course is now known as the McGuire cure, and is recognised world-wide. On the third day, all the students were made to go out into Queen Street, to stand on a soap-box and talk to passers-by. Then into shops to talk to staff, without any introduction by the course leaders; all designed to give them confidence and to put their fears behind them. The experience changed Alan's life.

Alan now gave himself a completely new mind-set, a total change of attitude and a determination never to dodge difficult situations ever again. Back home, he found it wasn't easy at first but kept his resolve strong.

The McGuire organisation then invited him to go to America to promote the course. He pestered TV stations for exposure and had 20 interviews printed in national papers. Further similar trips followed, including one in Australia where he won first prize in an open public speaking competition.

Alan concluded what had been truly inspirational talk about overcoming adversity by reciting one of his own poems entitled *Comfort Zone*.

The vote of thanks was given by Geoff Thomas.

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Snowdon donations for Benjamin still not peaked

AS reported last week, 75 Rhoose villagers hiked up Snowdon to support a local man's fight to receive specialist treatment for a rare condition.

Among them were Tarmac's Ricky Overy and wife Emma in a bid to raise funds for Rhoose's Benjamin Morgan-Brownhill. With each member of the walking group having a target of raising at least £200, the group are thought to have raised over £13,000, with donations still rolling in.

Ricky and his wife, Emma, climbed to raise funds for Benjamin's treatment.

Councillor hits at 'waste shambles'

BARRY councillor Richard Bertin said he will ask a question at the next full meeting of the Vale Council about the recent waste collection "shambles".

The independent, who represents Court Ward in the town, claims that the changes could and should have been handled better.

"I was extremely concerned about the number of complaints I received regarding this matter. It turned out to be a complete shambles with confusing letters, waste left out for days and pavements becoming a safety hazard with bins piling up," he said.

"The changes were made by the Labour-led authority in a bid to save money."

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Battle of wits at Dinas Powys!

SEPTEMBER 17 saw the return of the infamous 'Keith Hudson Quiz Night' at Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club, when many tables of eight very intelligent and knowledgeable members and guests of the club turned up, to battle their wits against each other.

The quiz ran over two hours, with three different sets of questions from the quizmaster.

The winning team on the evening, ironically called 'Al's Pals', beat all the other teams by some distance; in fact, you could have called 'Game, Set and Match' after round two, but the opposition battled on until the end, hoping for a slip from 'Al's Pals'.

Incidentally, they have now won this prestigious event three times on the bounce and get to keep the trophy, which you will see in the photograph, is very unique (it's not the bottle of wine, it's the gnome).

Roadworks and road closures

OLD Port Road/Port Road/Brooklands Terrace, Culverhouse Cross *– Temporary traffic control to allow for highway improvement works.*

Dobbins Road, Barry *– Temporary restrictions for essential highway improvement.*

Solent Road, Barry *– Temporary road closure in place to allow for implementation of a flood management diversion scheme.*

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TOP APPRENTICE ADAM POINTS WAY FORWARD FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

RIGHT: Adam Harvey has used apprenticeship programmes to develop his career.

ADAM HARVEY of Barry has used the Welsh Government's apprenticeship programme as a springboard to a career with a Llandow company specialising in products for the pet retail trade.

Since joining Magnet & Steel as a general warehouse operative in 2007, he has been promoted through the ranks to operations director, due to his outstanding contribution to the growing business.

Adam (28) from Barry, has 13 GCSEs, an apprenticeship in management and an Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) higher apprenticeship level 5 in management to his name. His training has been delivered by Itec Skills and Employment.

He has now been shortlisted for the Higher Apprentice of the Year Award at this year's Apprenticeship Awards Cymru, at Venue Cymru, Llandudno on October 20.

Jointly organised by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTfW), the prestigious awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals, employers and learning providers who have excelled in contributing to the development of the Welsh Government's Traineeships, Jobs Growth Wales and Apprenticeship programmes.

During his higher apprenticeship, Adam worked with the human resources department to write and introduce new recruitment and training policies, which have reduced staff turnover and costs and improved business performance.

He also helped to develop and launch an award-winning 3D product that has allowed the company to diversify into new markets worldwide.

"The apprenticeships have definitely improved my employment prospects and I now have the qualifications to accompany my experience," said Adam. "I'd like to show other learners that you can leave school at 16 and still progress up the ladder in the world of work."

Phil Cartledge, Magnet & Steel's managing director, said: "Adam is a fantastic success story and shows how much can be achieved by a dedicated individual through an apprenticeship."

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NEW TAX BILL, BREXIT, AND FOCUS ON BUSINESS

THE First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, presented the Welsh Government's Programme for Government – Taking Wales Forward earlier this week to Assembly Members laying out our commitments, following the Fifth Assembly Elections in May.

This follows his statement on our legislative programme presented in July, with the first new tax bill published last Monday to devolve stamp duty land tax to Wales and incorporate a robust tax avoidance scheme in Welsh Law.

I welcomed the cabinet secretary for finance and local government, Mark Drakeford AM, to the Waterfront to see the impact of regeneration in Barry as a result of the partnership between the Welsh Government, Vale of Glamorgan Council and house builders, with the Welsh Government's Help to Buy scheme making a huge difference to house buyers in Barry.

The First Minister has been working through the summer – responding to the EU Referendum results with a statement last week outlining the actions he has taken, which include setting up an external advisory committee and a cabinet sub committee with teams of officials in Brussels and Wales. He has been clear about the vital importance of Wales having a strong voice in the Brexit negotiations, protecting our needs and interests.

The interests of business were at the forefront of the announcement also made last week by Mark Drakeford AM, regarding the extension of our small business rates relief scheme to 2017/18, making it a permanent scheme from 2018.

There are 3,544 businesses in the Vale of Glamorgan who are liable to pay business rates (also known as non domestic rates) and many will benefit from this announcement. Business premises with a rateable value of up to £6,000 will receive 100 per cent relief and those with a rateable value between £6,001 and £12,000 will receive relief on a tapered basis from 100 per cent to zero.

Ken Skates, cabinet secretary for economy, infrastructure and skills joined the First Minister this week to announce a new £5m growth and prosperity fund to provide a business boost to support jobs and growth in companies across Wales.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT
(Leader of the House)

The fund is part of a 10-point business confidence plan split into two tranches, with £2m allocated for smaller projects with grants ranging from £5,000 to £25,000 and £3m for larger capital investment projects – with grants ranging from £50,000 up to £500,000.

The message from Ken Skates is: "The fund is open to all SME businesses in Wales and the main aim is to create and safeguard jobs. Priority will be given to businesses looking to export, and to companies creating high value jobs above the Welsh national average wage."

For more information on these schemes and grants, visit www.businesswaless.gov.wales

As well as supporting business in Wales, we have been working across the board to boost and improve our public services, including education, social services and our health service.

However, there are many areas of policy which are not devolved to the Welsh Government – such as pensions. I would like to congratulate Barry resident Kay Clarke, who I welcomed to the Senedd last Friday, as part of the WASPI campaign (Women Against State Pension Inequality). Their case is powerful.

Changes made to state pensions in the UK Government's 2011 Pension Act particularly impact on women born in the 1950s. There are many women who planned and saved for their retirement, who are now living on dwindling limited savings until they reach the new state pension age.

Let me know if you would like to make contact with the WASPI Campaign so I can put you in touch – I wholeheartedly support this campaign as I said in response to a question on my business statement this week in the Senedd.

I hope the UK Government will reconsider transitional arrangements for those women affected.

'Photograph, name and shame owners who fail to clear up after their dogs' – *call*

A Barry resident has condemned some dog owners for turning the Island's pathways, promenade and the beach into a "dog toilet".

Dog owners shouldn't be allowing dogs on the main Island beach until October because the ban extends until September 30.

Rob Nesbitt said owners who fail to clear up properly after their dogs should be "photographed, named and shamed".

Mr Nesbitt said: "The summer is over and the Vale's dog toilet is now open – Barry Island beach and the surrounding walking areas that is.

"Lazy, irresponsible dog owners arrive in droves with two or three, and sometimes four or five animals and the owners don't care as long as the faeces is not near their homes.

"Faeces are left on the main beach, on the newly renovated area, the promenade outside the Dolphin – let's face it, just about everywhere."

Mr Nesbitt said some owners pick up the dog's mess, but then throw it into bushes or trees. He said bags in bushes is particularly prevalent on the Island walkway overlooking Jacksons Bay.

He added: "Owners responsible should be photographed, named and shamed. It is time councillors got a grip of this problem and sorted it out.

'Welsh business is at a disadvantage' *says Tory leader*

"MORE must be done to support high streets in the Vale, following news that shop vacancy rates in Wales are on the rise," says Welsh Conservative Leader and South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies.

Noting that a study by the Welsh Retail Consortium revealed that while visits to Welsh high streets are on the up, shop vacancy rates have risen to 11.9 per cent, from 11.0 per cent in April. Mr Davies said a number of issues, both local and national, had contributed to the problem – and it was "vital a proactive approach was taken to address it."

He pointed out that business rates cause huge pressures, and called on the Welsh Government to take action.

Mr Davies said: "Across the Vale, our high streets play a vital role in the local economy, and it is vital we do all we can to support them. In towns including Barry, Penarth, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major, small business owners and their staff work incredibly hard but the news that the number of empty shops is on up is deeply worrying.

"One of the biggest financial strains on businesses is business rates, and the UK Government has brought in changes to support small businesses in England. The Welsh Government must now do the same, because Welsh businesses are at a competitive disadvantage.

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On September 29, 60 minutes before sunrise, it is easily identifiable from its location just above the left horn of the crescent moon. It remains visible as a pre-dawn object for the first two weeks of October, culminating in a very close proximity to Jupiter on October 11. Jupiter, by the way, is a fine sight through a standard pair of binoculars, particularly during night appearances.

Look for the four Galilean moons strung out in a line to the left and right of the planet's disc (one or two may be hidden behind the planet, however).

As always, never look directly at the sun through a pair of binoculars.

Dr Chris North from 'Sky at Night'.

What's on?

BRIDGEND Astronomical Society is putting on an astronomical event at Pencoed Public Library on Saturday, October 22, between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Need advice on fixing or setting up your telescope? Bring it along and we'll try to help you. There will also be exhibitions, demonstrations, videos and lots more. This is a free community event open to all.

Dr Chris North, a frequent guest presenter of the BBC's The Sky at Night, will be discussing Telescopes Through the Ages at BAS' monthly meeting in Pyle Church Hall on the evening of October 14 from 7.30pm. Once again, everyone is welcome. Need more details? Visit www.bridgendastronomicalsociety.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

VALEPLUS, a local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning difficulty, is holding its Hollywood-themed annual dinner dance on Friday, October 7 at the Brynhill Golf Club.

Tickets, £17.50 each, are available from ValePlus, 118A High Street, Barry, or from Nova or Cafe No 5, High Street.

Further details on the website www.valeplus.org.uk or on 01446746691.

Cream tea

AT Trinity Church Day Centre, Penarth this Friday, September 23 from 2pm, there will be music, a sing-song, raffle and afternoon cream tea.

Join in the fun to help raise funds for the Penarth Live At Home Scheme; £3 per person.

Green Flag People's Choice award opens

NOMINATIONS for the 'People's Choice' Green Flag award have opened and the public now have the opportunity to vote for their favourite park, giving it the chance of being named in the top 10 in the UK's open spaces.

This year, a record-breaking 161 parks and green spaces in Wales were awarded the prestigious international Green Flag Award.V

Voting for the People's Choice award closes at noon on Friday, September 30. This year, as it is the 20th year of the Green Flag award, there will not be one overall winner, but a top 10 voted for by the public.

The top ten parks and green spaces in the UK will be announced in October.

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Talk on Island Farm escape

THE great Island Farm PoW escape features in a talk by local historian Mike Clubb today (Thursday, September 22) at 7.30pm at St Donat's Arts Centre.

The story of the daring Bridgend escape by German prisoners during World War II, was "one of incompetence and ineptitude".

In March 1945, 67 prisoners escaped, and spread across Glamorgan and Gwent. Four got as far as Southampton, and four to Birmingham. All were recaptured within 10 days. *Contact www.stdonats.com or call 01446 799100.*

New service to help vulnerable elderly

Richard Williams from Action on Hearing Loss Cymru, Older People's Commissioner for Wales Sarah Rochira, Ceri Jackson of RNIB Cymru, and Chris Jones, Chief Executive of Care and Repair.

A NEW service by Care & Repair Cymru, Action on Hearing Loss Cymru and RNIB Cymru aims to help older people who live in poor housing and are frail, have dementia, sensory loss or are vulnerable in other ways.

Caseworkers work with GPs, hospitals and social workers to reach older people most in need of help, to keep them safe, warm and independent at home.

Mrs Bickle (aged 85) from Bridgend said: "I've always stayed fit and active and until recently I regularly walked about four miles a day. However, in recent years my health has started to deteriorate. I was diagnosed with age-related macular degeneration, cataracts and hearing loss, so my sight and hearing aren't good.

"I started to find it difficult to do day-to-day things like walk upstairs, have a shower, or cook myself a meal. I kept putting my hand on the top of the gas cooker as I couldn't see or hear the flame. I felt frustrated and anxious.

"Following an eye test, I was referred to RNIB's Managing Better service by the Princess of Wales Hospital ophthalmology department. My case worker, Sandy, got me a handrail on the stairs, brighter lights in the kitchen and she has also encouraged me to get my ears tested and start wearing a hearing aid.

"Sandy even helped me find out that I should have been receiving benefits, which are a huge help and mean I'll be able to stay in my home much longer than I thought. I feel so much safer, and happier. I'm definitely managing better!"

Rebecca Evans, Minister for Social Services and Public Health said, "My ambition is to make Wales the best place to grow older in the UK. The Managing Better project is an important step in helping us achieve this vision.

"Working with a wide range of primary care providers, hospitals, social care and third sector organisations, the service will help keep the people most in need of support safe, warm and independent in their own homes.

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THE Vale AM Jane Hutt will hold a surgery this Friday, September 23 from 10am – 11am at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment necessary.

Open Doors at The Hospice

OFTEN described as 'The Hospice', St John's House at Newcastle Hill, Bridgend is a protected Grade II* listed building and is the oldest habitable dwelling in the town.

A spokesman said: "St John's House Trust has been formed with the intention of purchasing the property, preventing it being turned into flats and making it accessible to the public.

"As part of the annual open doors event, the house will be open to the public this weekend of September 24-25, when 'medieval' archers will demostrate their skills and there will be an opportunity to try medieval games from 11am – 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Farmers' Market in Porthcawl

THE next Porthcawl Farmers' Market will be on Saturday (September 24) from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Awel y Mor Community Hall, off Wellfield Avenue, Porthcawl.

All of the regular producers will be in attendance with an array of quality locally produced foods. The market café will be open too.

If you are a locally based producer and are interested in taking a stall at the market, contact the market co-ordinator on 01656 658963.

Diabetes screening

THE Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club will hold one of their regular diabetes screening sessions at Llantonian Hall in Llantwit Major between 10am – 1pm this Saturday, September 24.

Anyone 16 or over can attend, free, to be tested by qualified nurses.

A coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses, also in the Llantonian Hall, will also take place. For more information see the Lions' website *www.lmandclions.org.uk* or Facebook or Twitter.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held in the Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, September 24 from 10am until 12pm. Entry £1. Plenty of bargains for everyone. Come along and join us. All proceeds to Macmillan.

Toy and train fair

A TOY and train fair takes place at Barry Leisure Centre, Greenwood Street, Barry, on Sunday, September 25 from 10.30am to 3pm.

A sister event, the Cardiff Toy and Train Fair, will take place at Penarth Leisure Centre on Saturday, October 8.

For further information, contact www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk; call 01643 702757 or 07966 694579.

Beach clean

THIS month's beach clean with Friends of Barry Beaches will be held on Sunday, September 25 at the Porthkerry Country Park, Barry, meeting at 3pm near the Forest Lodge.

The Friends will also be celebrating their sixth anniversary and any volunteers will be treated to coffee and cake to mark the occasion.

Litter pickers and bags will be provided, but wear suitable clothing and footwear. Children welcome, if accompanied by an adult.

Charity fair

AT a toy and train fair on Septpember 25 in Barry Leisure Centre (CF63 4RU) from 10.30am – 3pm, Cadoxton Youth Project will be fundraising for several charities, including Ty Hafan, Marie Curie and Y-Care International/YMCAs.

Lunchtime music

ON Monday, September 26 at All Saints' Church, Penarth the Scott McNicholas Experience will perform songs from the '30s, '40s and '50s at Victoria Square from 1pm – 2pm.

Entry is free (although donations towards the organ restoration will be gratefully received).

Bring your own lunch; tea and coffee provided.

Gardening club

THE next meeting of Cowbridge Gardening Club will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge, when Rosie James of Cardiff Parks will speak on 'Victorian Parks'.

New members welcome.

Help Macmillan

KPC Youth (next to Pil Primary) is holding a coffee morning from 9am – 10.30am on Thursday, September 29 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

They will be joined at 9.30am by the Pil Primary School choir, followed by fun bingo and a raffle.

Admission £1, includes coffee and biscuits; cake extra. Call 01656 749219/745399 for more information.

Harvest Festival

NFU Cymru invites you to join them at this year's Glamorgan Harvest Festival on Thursday, September 29 at Margam Abbey, Margam, Port Talbot.

This year's service will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

All welcome.

Toy and Train sale

CARDIFF Toy and Train sale will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 10.30am – 3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan.

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BRIDGET RETAINS HER CHARM THIRD TIME AROUND..!

BRITAIN does a neat line in literary phenomenons – there's Harry Potter of course, and going back into the annals of time, JRR Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*; one of the biggest was Helen Fielding's Bridget Jones books and, unsurprisingly, much like the aforementioned stories, they found themselves reaching the big screen, starring Rene Zellweger as the titular character.

Twelve years after the slightly disappointing *Edge of Reason*, Bridget is back in *Bridget Jones' Baby*, helmed by the first film's director Sharon Maguire.

Bridget (again played by Zellweger) is single and focusing on her career, but that focus is soon shifted when she falls pregnant.

The only snafu is that she isn't sure who the father is – it could be her ex, Mark (Colin Firth), or it could be Jack (Patrick Dempsey)? With impending motherhood and the struggle of balancing two expectant fathers, will Bridget be able to cope?

When *Bridget Jones' Baby* opens with Bridget, sat cross-legged on her settee with a cupcake with a candle in it, lamenting a rubbish birthday to the strains of 'All By Myself', you get the horrible suspicion that this third outing may be a photocopied rehash of the first and second films.

However, once Bridget changes the music to House of Pain's 'Jump Around' it's a symbolic statement that … *Baby* isn't here to simply show the greatest hits of the series so far in a new decade; and while it may occasionally resort to memories of past films, by and large this is a satisfying and pleasurable update on the (mis)adventures of an older, not necessarily wiser Bridget.

It may be 12 years since Renee Zellweger last slipped into Bridget's big pants, but the time away hasn't dulled the actress' ability to bring her to life. Zellweger has had a quiet few years film-wise, but as a performer very rarely delivers a weak turn – and so it goes here.

Hurdling into her 40s as everyone around her seems to be married and expecting children, Bridget feels that the clock that seemed to be ticking way back when she first opened her Diary is now ready to go off.

Zellweger hits her stride with a pleasingly enjoyable performance that sees Bridget attempt to shake off those blues with her friend, the wonderfully frank Miranda (played with no end of glee by the superb Sarah Solemani).

What follows is a trip to a music festival (featuring a rather shoehorned-in cameo by a certain ginger-haired singer) and the chance for Bridget to get her groove back on as she meets charming American Jack (a rather bland Patrick Dempsey).

Renewed, she then ends up succumbing to the stilted charms of Colin Firth's Mark, before discovering that she's pregnant and doesn't know who the father is.

What follows is the comedy of emotional and physical errors that have a certain resonance from the films of the past – the Jack/Mark duel for Bridget's affections apes, but pales, the similar triangle involving Jack and Hugh Grant's (sadly-missed) Daniel – but also updates for the new decade.

Certainly some of the elements clunk a little (Bridget's job is under threat from a new boss who wants the new channel she works for to dumb down, Mark is defending a Pussy Riot-like band who demand free speech) but there are some fine set-pieces and some really sparky lines; that, along with a love for these characters, shakes off a great deal of the elements that don't quite work.

While Zellweger excels in the title role, Colin Firth's stiff-upper-lip gets an airing as he revisits the character of Mark, and their chemistry is as engaging as ever, while Emma Thompson comes close to stealing the film as Bridget's doctor, her series of one-liners easily raising the biggest laughs to be had.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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But the key ingredient here feels like the return of Sharon Maguire to the director's chair. Having missed out on *The Edge of Reason*, Maguire gives a great deal of energy and charm to the film, and knows exactly when to raise the emotional stakes and when to let the jokes drive the film.

Bridget Jones' Baby shouldn't work – after all it's 12 years since the last one, its premise hangs on a slightly-cliched plot hook, and yet it dazzles you with its charm and likeability throughout.

It's not going to linger any longer than you let it, but seeing *Bridget Jones* again after all these years is like seeing an old friend for the first time in several years – you're more than happy they're back on the scene.

VERDICT: A likeable film that sees its charm propel it through the smallest of bumps, *Bridget Jones' Baby* is a pleasing film that works, thanks to the satisfying performances of the likes of Rene Zellweger and Colin Firth (with nods to Sarah Solemani and Emma Thompson as well).

The comedy is both touching and amusing and only the hardest hearts will find it anything less than delightful. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie* (2016), *Bridget Jones' Diary* (2002).

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A spokesman said: "Barry's Lee Selby, World IBF featherweight champion, is opening the event and we also look forward to welcoming Alun Cairns, Jane Hutt and our Town and Vale Mayors.

"The event brings together all the youth organisations in Barry, at an informative event for the community in Barry and its youth.

"We will be using some of the beach huts and there will be many stands manned by different youth organisations. They will include opportunities for both able bodied and disabled people.

"Information and advice will be available and the organisations' representatives will answer your questions.

"We hope to have Barry Library there along with representatives from the Barry YMCA.

"There will be displays involving swimmers, lifeguards, beach volleyball, dancing, singing, gymnastics, netball and other activities.

"The Scouts, Cadets and Guides, along with the V-POD bus will also attend.

"This is a community project that involves the youth, parents, grandparents, and the many organisations that provide opportunities for young people.

"Barry Youth Action Group, who speak and act on behalf of the youth of Barry, will be helping at the event and asking for people's opinions on the day's event.

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Much travelled choir heading for Penarth

ONE of Wales' foremost male voice choirs, Côr Meibion De Cymru (The South Wales Male Choir), comes to All Saints Church, Penarth on Saturday, October 29 for a concert starting at 7pm.

This large regional choir draws men from all over south Wales, from places as far apart as Aberystwyth and Llandovery in the west and Cowbridge, Barry and Cardiff in the south. Exiles from Bristol and Wantage travel to join them for rehearsals and for concerts.

First formed to tour the USA in 1982, members have since that time added Australia, Canada, and many venues in east and west Europe to their touring list. They have performed at all three Disney venues: in Florida, California and Paris.

Only last month, they completed their second cruise on a Fred Olsen liner, this time singing for passengers aboard *Black Watch* as it travelled through the Norwegian fjords, returning in time for their annual concert in St David's Cathedral.

Conducted by Elaine Robins, and accompanied at the piano by Siân Davies, they will be including in their wide-ranging programme songs from the shows, such as the 'Anthem' from *Chess* and 'Bui Doi' from '*Miss Saigon*'.

Guest soloists will be Beatrice Acland (soprano) and Peter Totterdale (tenor). Tickets, at £10 each, available from John Rees Davies on 01446 746387 or johndavies47@ntlworld.com.

A royal treat at Buckingham Palace for WI

THE Rhoose WI enjoyed a variety of activities during the summer season, including an educational trip in July to Cheltenham and then proceeded to Toddington, where they visited the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire steam railway.

After exploring the interesting events on offer, they took a trip down memory lane in an old-fashioned railway carriage pulled by a vintage steam engine.

This took them to Cheltenham Racecourse, passing through pretty stations ablaze with flowers – a really nostalgic moment.

August saw two groups joining commercially-organised trips to Buckingham Palace. This proved to be a great success.

The visit began with a tour of the Royal Mews, where members got close to many of the royal carriages, including the huge Coronation coach and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee carriage.

In the afternoon came the tour of the Palace itself. This encompassed the state rooms in which many of the Queen's iconic gowns were displayed, including the Coronation gown and her wedding dress.

Finally, the route to the exit involved a walk through the grounds past the lake, ending a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

August also saw members taking afternoon tea at Coffee Time, Rhoose's local tea room, run by fellow member Glenys Watkins.

On August 4, the WI held its annual social evening, with supper provided by members, and entertainment by the WINOS, the WI's drama group, which performed the comic play *Trigger Mortice, Frontier Mortician*.

Finally, at the September meeting, partners Howard and Gemma from Waitrose, gave a talk on the history, science and geography of cheese making, before supplying tastings of the varieties of cheese, delicatessen products and wine which can be found at Waitrose.

Jill Jones expressed the appreciation of everyone in her vote of thanks.

Rhoose WI is now looking forward to the autumn programme which begins with a 'curling' tournament on September 22; skittles will resume on September 23 and craft club will be held at 24 Llanmead Gardens on September 28.

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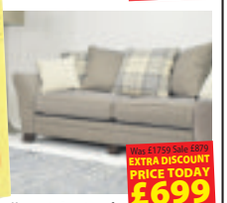

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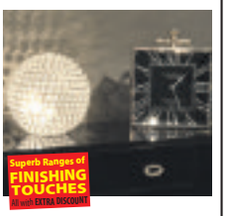

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Cathedral School Llandaff wins movie's golden ticket!

One of the golden tickets featured in the 1971 film *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* was on display at The Cathedral School, Llandaff last week.

In the story, five golden tickets, concealed in Wonka Bars, were to be won in a competition where the lucky winners were given a tour of Willy Wonka's factory.

The lucky owner, however, of Charlie's ticket is Cardiff-founded E-learning company, Avantis Systems Ltd, which acquired it at auction in New York from Bonhams Auction House last year.

And it was fitting that the ticket was on display for pupils at the Cathedral School, the school once attended by Roald Dahl, the author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and many other tales, some of which are decidedly of the unexpected.

Clare Sherwood, head of the Cathedral School said: "We have been holding a series of events to mark the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl who is our most famous former pupil.

"But having the actual golden ticket that appeared in the original film on display in the school was very special and a highlight of our celebrations of the extraordinary life of Roald Dahl.

"We are extremely grateful to Avantis for allowing the pupils, and staff, to get our hands on the sought after ticket."

Rupert Rawnsley, technical director of Avantis, said: "We were extremely excited to take the original golden ticket to the Cathedral School on such a special day.

"Avantis was founded in Cardiff, so it seemed particularly fitting that the golden ticket should be at Roald Dahl's school to mark his centenary."

In addition to the golden ticket visit, staff and pupils at the Cathedral School dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters and enjoyed a day of activities inspired by the school's most famous alumnus.

A peach tree was planted in the school grounds, the lunch menu, including wormy spaghetti, fresh mud burgers and Wonka's Whipple Scrumptious Fudgemallow Delight was 'scrumdiddlyumptious' and all lessons had a Roald Dahl theme.

In physics, pupils tried to work out how many helium balloons it would take to lift a peach off the desk, in maths, students considered the odds of winning a golden ticket and the strains of the Oompa Loompa songs resounded throughout the music department during the day.

Cathedral School pupil, Nathaniel Rawnsley came to school dressed as Charlie Bucket and won the coveted golden ticket!

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Penarth hospice lays on a special family party for marine commando Hywel to celebrate with grandad

A GRANDFATHER living with a terminal illness has praised staff at the Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale Hospice, after they planned a special tea party to celebrate his grandson's passing out parade.

Keith Morgan was joined by 15 members of his family at the charity's Penarth hospice after his grandson Hywel made it through his training for the Royal Marine Corps.

The 20-year-old, who is now a King's Royal Marine Commando, has been in training for 32 weeks, and his grandfather was initially planning to go to the parade having followed Hywel's training journey online.

Outfits were planned and the special occasion is all he and wife Carol had spoken about for weeks, but following complications resulting from his terminal bowel cancer, which saw Mr Morgan admitted to the University of Wales Hospital in Cardiff, followed by his current stay at the hospice, he was unable to attend.

However, it was important for Hywel that his grandfather see him in the uniform.

Mr Morgan's daughter and aunt to Hywel, Joanne Flower, of Porthcawl, said: "My mum spoke to the sister and told her as soon as Hywel passes out, he wants to come straight to see his grandfather in his uniform.

"She asked if there was any way they could have a room."

But staff at the Marie Curie Hospice, which provides round-the-clock expert care and support, went one better and decided they would help bring the whole family together in celebration.

Mr Morgan's wife, Carol, said she had offered to pay for the food, but the charity would not accept any money for the gesture. "I couldn't believe it," she said. "It's so kind and wonderful. Nothing is too much trouble for them."

"It's a great achievement," said a proud Mr Morgan, who is 71, and has been at the hospice for three weeks.

"I was amazed when I heard they would be putting this on. I thought my kids had organised it, but they said it was all to do with Marie Curie."

Mrs Flower added: "They have just gone over and above what we expected, we were just so overwhelmed by the kindness."

Mr Morgan praised the charity and the hospice as a whole, describing his stay as "five star", from the care received from the nurses, to the food and even the view from his bedside. He said he and Mrs Morgan are now getting support at the hospice to make arrangements for his return home.

Hywel said he had found his training "challenging, but rewarding", and added that he was amazed at what the hospice had done. He hopes to become a medic in the Royal Marine Corps.

His mum, Melanie and dad, Lee, were both grateful for the opportunity the hospice had given the family to express their pride in Hywel's achievement.

The family is now getting on board with fundraising for the Cardiff and Vale Hospice, with fellow grandson Jake Flower (17) getting ready to run the Cardiff Half Marathon in aid of the facility, which has given tremendous care and support to both Mr Morgan and to them as relatives.

Opening of Arcot House, Penarth with 'Home Access'

ON October 2, Arcot House will be officially opening during the annual harvest celebrations at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Home Access is an independent charity that works in partnership with Tabernacle Baptist to provide advice and support for those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and it has moved it's base over to the newly developed Arcot House which will also be home to Foodbank, Breakfast Club, Job Club and Money Management services.

The team will be moving towards opening the Christians Against Poverty debt recovery project and addiction recovery projects over the next year.

As part of the Arcot House project, there is a five-bed accommodation project helping those who are currently homeless or vulnerably housed.

The Harvest Service and opening celebrations will be held at 10.30am on Sunday, October 2, and is followed by refreshments and a soup and sandwich lunch.

All are welcome to attend on October 2. For further details, contact info@tabspenarth.org.uk or call 029 2070 2690. SD

Cardiff Airport reports 14% passenger rise

CARDIFF Airport has announced that passenger figures for August have shown a rise of 14 per cent over the same period last year.

The number of passengers flying from the UK's fastest growing airport at Rhoose (from September 2015–August 2016) was 1,347,392, (+30%).

Debra Barber, managing director said: "As our partner airlines continue to invest in the country by establishing new routes, such as Flybe's recent Cardiff to London City launch, such activity strengthens our position within the market and allows us to offer the people of Wales more and more choice.

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Self-taught artist lines up exhibitions

MP Alun Cairns with artist Mark Youd.

VALE abstract artist Mark Youd, who works from his home studio in Southerndown, is to have his first solo exhibition at Y Galleri in Caerphilly next month, following his victory in Caerphilly's Open Art competition.

Through the medium of paint and glass, he produces abstract, fragmented representations of the human face. He also has a new exhibition planned for November in central London's Mall Galleries.

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who recently visited the studio, said he was surprised to learn that Mark is self-taught, having become an artist just two years ago.

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Rev Heather Weddell's 10 years at United Free Church, Cowbridge, were celebrated recently. **(Picture by MIKE WILCOCK).**

THE Rev Heather Weddell recently celebrated with her fellowship a decade of ministry in Cowbridge United Free Church.

The church is an ecumenical (inter-denominational) church and many developments have been completed in the 10 years.

The chapel and community café have been completely refurbished, the church hall has been gutted and improved to create a lovely light and welcoming space and, just this year, the old rear hall has been demolished and replaced with a warm, bright comfortable space for groups and meetings.

Many people paid tribute to Heather on Sunday morning, September 11, and she in turn thanked the fellowship for its incredible support for the vision and work achieved in these 10 years.

A CORNUCOPIA OF HARVEST DELIGHTS!

'A veritable cornucopia' is not too extravagant a term to describe the amount and range of fruit, vegetables, herbs, bread and other produce that was on display in the former Church of St Lawrence at Lavernock last Sunday afternoon!

This was a well-attended traditional harvest thanksgiving service in which Rev Mark Jones spoke of the origins of harvest celebrations; and scripture, poetry, hymns and prayers conveyed some of the delights of autumn, as well as our responsibility towards those living in countries where the harvest has been poor.

Afterwards, those attending went home with bags of produce, and some £170 was donated towards the upkeep of the former church building.

The working party, which organised the magnificent display and everyone else who brought or lent items, deserve a big 'thank you' for their time, effort and skill.

The St Lawrence at Lavernock Trust would also like to thank all who took part in the service, including the readers and the organist Anne Thomas, who inspired some enthusiastic hymn singing.

Well done, everyone.

REV MARGARET STARK

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Five go out for gold in Duke of Edinburgh Award celebration

PICTURED (left to right): Tina Simmons, Senior Youth Service Manager; Hana Fletcher-Peters, Cowbridge Comprehensive School; Hannah Lee, Cowbridge Comprehensive School; Grant Poiner, National Development Officer, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales; James Senior, Stanwell Comprehensive School; Coun Lis Burnett, deputy leader and cabinet member for regeneration and education; Thomas Mullett, Stanwell Comprehensive School; Jessica Duggan, Stanwell Comprehensive School; Andy Borsden, Lead Officer, Youth and Community Learning; Pat Stephenson, D of E Administrator and Hannah Morgan, Operations Officer, D of E Wales.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council recently hosted a celebration evening for local youngsters who had gained their gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Hannah Lee and Hana Fletcher Peters, students at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, along with James Senior, Jessica Duggan and Thomas Mullett, who attend Stanwell Comprehensive School, all completed the course run by the council's youth and adult community learning service.

The group undertook a shared activity in a residential setting, participate in sport, learn or develop a new skill, volunteer and take part in a four-day expedition.

They were congratulated by National Development Officer for Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Wales, Grant Poiner, and received awards from Coun Lis Burnett, deputy leader and cabinet member for regeneration and education, prior to the royal presentation later this year at St James's Palace.

The Prince's Countryside Fund gives £600k boost to the rural communities

THE Prince's Countryside Fund, the charity which aims to improve the prospects of family farm businesses and the quality of rural life across the UK, has announced a grant funding pot of more than £600,000 to support rural initiatives.

Rural enterprise projects across Wales that range from enhancing community services, providing training opportunities for young and unemployed people and projects that focus on developing stronger, more sustainable farm businesses can apply for a grant of up to £50,000.

Across Wales, nearly £500,000 has been donated over the last six years to projects offering bilingual financial advice and mental health support, rural skills traineeships and other rural projects such as helping to fund village shops.

Submissions opened on Monday, September 19 and close on Thursday, October 13.

Applicants can visit *www.princescountrysidefund/grantprogramme* to check their eligibility and find out how to apply.

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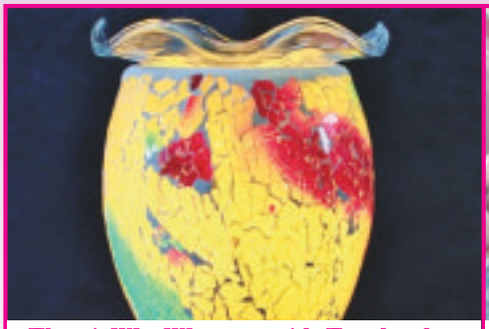

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JOY UNCONFINED as St Augustine's church celebrates 150th anniversary

TWO very different events marked the 150th anniversary of the building of St Augustine's Church 150 years ago.

On Sunday, September 11, exactly 150 years after the consecration of the 'new' church in 1866, a large congregation gathered for a joyous service at which the Archbishop, Dr Barry Morgan, preached.

The service began with a humorous account written by the Reverend Mark Jones (supposedly by William Butterfield, the eminent Victorian architect) of the background to the building of the church, and of the various incidents that beset it initially – including a fire and an unfortunate accident to one of the workers.

Mr Butterfield's account was read by Chris Williams, suitably dressed in Victorian morning coat and top hat.

The occasion was further marked by a performance of *Be Still, My Soul* composed by the organist and choirmaster, Robert Court, and dedicated to Archbishop Barry Morgan, as he approaches his retirement in January.

The bell ringers created a special quarter peal using a method named 'Penarth Surprise Major'.

Visitors included Commander Neil Pugh (Deputy Lieutenant), representing the Lord Lieutenant, Morfudd Meredith, the mayor of Penarth, Coun Mike Cuddy and his wife Lindsay, Stephen Doughty MP and Lady Clarissa Eggleston, great-great-great grand-daughter of Harriet Windsor-Clive, 13th Baroness Windsor who commissioned and paid for the church.

Unlike the service 150 years previously, when the weather was so appalling that the congregation had to struggle to reach St Augustine's in high winds and torrential rain, September 11 was a glorious day and those present wished St Augustine's well with prayer, music, history and refreshments.

A very different occasion was held on September 17 when the Mothers' Union and friends welcomed children, parents and some grandparents to a party to wish St Augustine's a very happy birthday.

The party took place in the church and with great enthusiasm, children of all ages played games, explored the church, listened to Isabella, Jacob and Leo Adams play on the piano, violin and French horn, and learn a little about baptism from Rev Jones.

The event ended with an old-fashioned birthday tea and cake.

The old church resounded to sounds of young laughter and a splendid rendition of Happy Birthday – to St Augustine's!

TRICIA GRIFFITHS

'Hinkley Point nuclear power station will benefit Wales'

SAYS WELSH TORY LEADER

WELSH Conservative leader Andrew R T Davies has welcomed the news that the UK Government will be pressing ahead with the development of Hinkley Point C.

"We welcome news that the construction of the first nuclear power station in a generation has been given the green light. This is a huge plus for the UK and for Wales," he said.

"Britain needs to upgrade its supplies of energy, and Conservatives have always been clear that nuclear is an important part of ensuring our future low-carbon energy security.

"The agreement will not only strengthen bilateral relations between the UK and France, but will also confer some potentially big benefits on the Welsh economy," Mr Davies claimed.

"Given the proximity of the Somerset site to Wales, there are clear opportunities here for employment and businesses, with up to 26,000 jobs and apprenticeships being created.

"We're already aware of big orders for steel emanating from this project, and we are hopeful that Hinkley will play its part in turbocharging Wales' steel economy.

"Now is the time for our highly skilled workforce to seize on the opportunity to be part of one of the biggest construction projects in 70 years," he added.

THRIVING WELSH BUSINESS HUB IS PRAISED AT AWARDS EVENING

Another trophy for a former champ... From left: Nicky Piper, Sara Edwards, and Alun Cairns.

COWBRIDGE'S Bear Hotel has again played host to the South Wales Business Awards, hosted by TV and radio presenter Sara Edwards.

Among local winners were Forces Fitness, which won the Retail Business of the Year Award. Cowbridge is home turf for this small enterprise, whose instructors and participants can regularly be seen meeting at Borough Close outside Y Bont Faen primary school in the town ahead of rigourous fitness exercises.

Founder of the awards, Wesely Skene said, "Since 2008 the awards have been celebrating excellence in the Welsh business community; 2016 has once again shown that south Wales is the hub of a thriving and successful business community, with many businesses achieving some truly outstanding things."

Vale MP and Welsh Secretary of State, Alun Cairns, presented the award for contribution to Welsh Business and Society to champion boxer-turned-charity organiser Nicky Piper, who raises funds for George Thomas Hospice care; and was aided by other guests, who donated £450 to the charity.

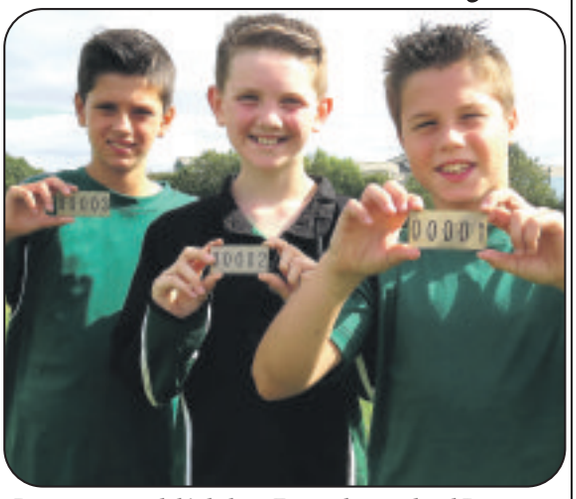
Mr Cairns said: "It was a pleasure celebrate the entrepreneurial talent we have in this part of the country. It is the risk takers with ambition who will help to build and expand the modern Welsh economy. I enjoyed seeing so many of them recognised for their efforts in Cowbridge.

"It was a fantastic evening and I would like to thank Wesely Skene and Cardiff Now for putting it together. It is right that we celebrate the skill and personal bravery that building businesses and creating jobs demands."

He added: "I was particularly privileged to present former boxer Nicky Piper with his award for Contribution to Welsh Business and Society.

"Nicky has done a huge amount to raise money for George Thomas Hospice Care as an events manager and it was fitting that guests at the awards donated money to the charity."

Year 7 lead the way in cross-country



Panayoty secured third place, Tom took second and Drew came first, with the fastest time in the whole year group.

SCHOOL sport competitions began thick and fast at the start of term at Barry Comprehensive, and the new year-7 pupils led the way with cross-country.

All boys from year 7 competed in the inter-house competition, where they gain points for their house. The race was exciting to the finish, with Panayoty securing third place, Tom taking second and Drew triumphing with the fastest time in the whole year group. Years 8 and 9 and the senior athletes will all compete in the coming weeks.

The top finishers from all the inter-house competitions will form the representative teams lining up for the first cross country fixtures of the new season at Trelai Park.

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'INSPIRING' PORTRAITS GO ON VIEW

AN exhibition of inspiring British people such as Dr Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury and former First Minister Rhodri Morgan, with many other figures from the Vale, is to go on show at the Senedd from September 23 to October 20.

The 'Between the Lines' exhibition, which is sponsored by Jane Hutt AM, is a record of community life in Wales and UK that now comprises more than 65 people. Each person featured in the exhibition has been nominated by one of the other subjects.

The project was conceived by Barry artist Glyn Pooley.

Ms Hutt said: "I am delighted to sponsor Glyn's exhibition. It is a fascinating project that has produced a wonderfully diverse and authentic range of subjects. It shows how strong the Welsh community is and how it links to a global community. It is well worth taking a look at."

Between the Lines will be on show at the Senedd, Friday, September 23 – Thursday, October 20.

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Barry Scouts host regatta and fun day!

Jake Richardson with trophy and other participants at the Scout regatta and fun day.

LAST Saturday, September 17, saw Barry Scouts host the first of what will become an annual regatta and fun day at the Community Watersports Centre on Barry Docks.

Scouts, Explorers and helpers competed in a series of races around a triangular course for the Barry Docks Trophy. The winner of the open and under-18 class, beating the adult helpers, was Jake Richardson, from Barry Sea Cadets, sailing a Topper.

Second was Josh Jones of 1st Barry Scout Group, in a Laser. Winner of the under-15 class was Jestyn Wallington and Louis Boull of 1st Barry Scouts, sailing a Pico dinghy.

Those without sufficient sailing experience enjoyed a fun day on the water, which included rides in the centre's powerboats.

Boat Base manager, Keith McIntire, said:"This was a great event, everyone had a fun day on the water and it was a good introduction to sailboat racing for our more experienced young sailors.

"It was a good start to what will become an annual event and the climax of our boating season."

ATC cadets take Wings Appeal to the checkouts

The cadets at Morrison's, Barry.

ATC CADETS from 372 (Barry) Air Training Corps volunteered their time to collect for the RAF Association's (RAFA) annual Battle of Britain Wings Appeal, which supports many RAF veterans living in the local community.

A great many of those veterans now having retired into the surrounding area, having worked at RAF St Athan. Customers using the Barry Morrison's had their bags packed and their donations were given towards the appeal.

Customers found it refreshing to be greeted by the polite young cadets. Comments were passed on how smart they were and a credit to the squadron. The cadets spoke to about the exciting news of their new building, behind Adams Funeral Parlour, soon to be completed. The new building is to become a Combined Cadet Force Centre.

Morrison's store was thanked for hosting the event. One lucky winner of the 'Sergeant' teddy bear provided a telephone number which did not connect, so the lady who gave her number with an ex-cadet's name 'Gemma Dring', please make contact. You have a cuddly teddy bear awaiting to be given a new home!

The Barry RAFA welcomes contact with RAF veterans living in the Vale who are lonely or needing help. Please contact 01446 740522 or email: geoff@horton.co.uk.

Geoff Horton,
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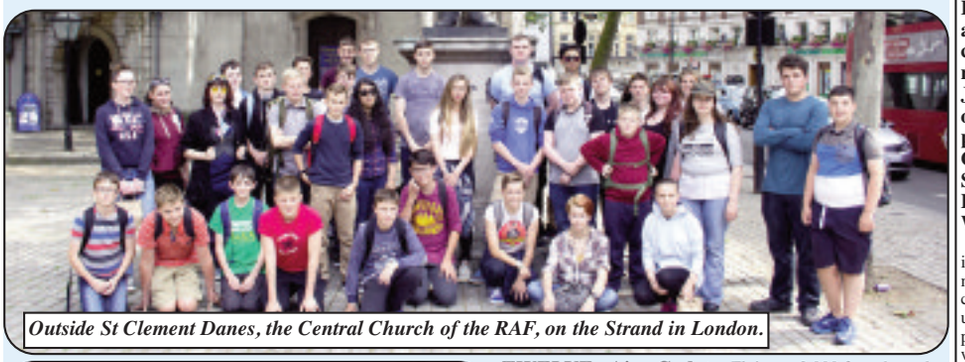
LOCAL CADETS BACK FROM 'AMAZING' ANNUAL CAMP AT RAF HENLOW



Outside St Clement Danes, the Central Church of the RAF, on the Strand in London.

Team-building exercise!

TWELVE Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron, Air Training Corps have recently returned from their annual camp at RAF Henlow.

They had been joined by cadets from 2213 (Rumney), 1344 (Maindy), 2300 (St Athan), 1148 (Penarth) Squadrons. The cadets undertook many activities during the week, including: flying in the modern Grob Tutor aircraft, visiting Cardington airship sheds to see the Airlander 10 – the world's largest aircraft – 10-pin bowling, sports including mountain biking, team building exercises, visit to the Centre of Aviation Medicine (for pilots and aircrew of all three armed forces), the Imperial War Museum Duxford, and Maddingley American Cemetery.

The highlight of the week was flying the Grob Tutor at RAF Wittering with all cadets having a 20-minute sortie in the two-seater Grob trainer. Flying at 2,000 feet, the cadets gained excellent aerial views of the surrounding countryside and also flew the aircraft under supervision.

Cadet Luke Beecham said: "The camp was amazing, there were so many great activities do all the time. I especially enjoyed my first time flying and I am looking forward to camp next year."

The cadets were: Paige James, Rhian Horton, Natasja Gill, Morgan Hughes, Jenna Day, Ellie Jones, Connor James, Sam Smith, Gethin Lodge, Luke Beecham, Rhys Jones and Dan Broadbent.

All are now looking forward to a busy training programme of Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions, annual trip to Belgium, sport, flying, gliding, sports and shooting activities.

The 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. Phone the Squadron on 07486 501864, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information.

Members of the festival committee and guests at the AGM.

Dinas festival brought community together

MORE than 1,200 people attended the Dinas Powys Music Festival, which included cabaret, a male voice choir and jazz; in addition, many hundreds attended the free concerts – it was reported at the Festival's AGM.

For the first time a brochure was delivered across the community detailing the forthcoming events. In addition to the 13 concerts for which there was an entry charge, there were a number of free concerts. This included the children's concert which was sponsored by the Dinas Powys Community Council.

Mark Thompson, chair, said: "It is lovely that we can, through music, bring all the community together. We are delighted that the concerts were able to raise funds for charity in two different ways. The festival is delighted to support Ty Hapus charity this year.

"Also the festival is pleased to back the community library. It would be a great shame if we lost library facilities in Dinas Powys."

David Evans and Chris Franks thanked the festival for the generous donation to the Dinas Powys Community Library and Activity Centre. Chris Franks said: "The Community Library has achieved charity status and is looking forward to the transfer of responsibilities from the Vale Council. This donation is a huge vote of confidence in the next phase of the life of the library.

Coco Pickering, whose grandmother attends Ty Hapus, spoke of the excellent work of the charity. Ty Hapus is a unique and specialist daytime service for people with early onset Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, focusing on those diagnosed under 65 and their families.

Soroptimists' beach haul of rubbish!

VOLUNTEERS from Soroptimist International Barry and District collected 2.2kg of rubbish from Jacksons Bay beach on September 18, as part of the Marine Conservation Society's (MCS) Beachwatch Big Week.

Every item collected is recorded so that the main sources of litter can be identified. As usual, numerous small pieces of polystyrene were found, together with more than 50 cigarette filters and 22 crisp or sweet packets.

Although disappointing to still so many non-environ-mentally friendly products on what, initially, appeared to be a pristine stretch of sand, they were pleased to note that the number of items surveyed is decreasing each year.

One of the main improvements is the amount of cotton wool bud sticks collected, at one time as many as a thousand but now less, than 20. This improvement is due to better screening at sewage disposal plants.

MCS will use the survey results from this and the hundreds of other surveys that were carried out over the weekend, to tackle the sources of beach litter at national and international levels.

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Volunteers sorting and recording rubbish.

Safety with a smile at airport

CARDIFF Airport is taking part in the first-ever 'UK Airports Safety Week' in conjunction with the Airport Operators Association (AOA), which runs until September 25, across 52 UK airports.

From landing an aircraft on a simulator (organised by National Air Traffic Services), to tours of the airfield and runway, staff and visitors enjoy fun and educational activities at Rhoose.

Quizzes for adults and children, safety videos, and presentations on the importance of occupational health and office safety, as well as the changing attitudes towards safety, will be presented by the Quality Safety Health and Environment team.

Pop-up desks revealing safety information will also be strategically placed throughout the airport.

CARDIFF AIRPORT REPORTS SUCCESSFUL YEAR AS... Questions raised over £1m 'air-link' subsidy

by GEM Reporter

CARDIFF AIRPORT has enjoyed a successful year.

According to a report from the airport in June, passenger numbers are up 26 per cent for the rolling year to just over 1.27 million, the largest increase since 2009-2010.

This was helped by Flybe increasing its route network from four to 16 destinations and added special 'football flights' to Bordeaux, Toulouse and Paris for key Euro 2016 matches.

According to the airport, the 26 per cent increase in passenger numbers for the rolling year brings passenger numbers to just over 1,270 million, the largest increase since 2009-2010.

However, while the airport is a success, a Freedom of Information (FoI) request by Welsh Conservatives revealed the growing cost of the 'north-south air link' between Cardiff and Anglesey.

The route, subsidised by the Welsh Government, is a legacy of the Labour-Plaid coalition during the third assembly, when it was set up by former Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones.

The Conservatives' FoI request revealed that the route has absorbed millions of pounds since it was established – despite being used by fewer than 10,000 passengers a year.

It had also revealed that in 2015-16, the subsidy rose to £109.53 per passenger from £86.07 (an increase of 27 per cent) with passenger numbers rising by 2.6 per cent over the same period.

The total subsidy given in 2014-15 was £838,040.31, and the amount paid totalled £1,094,216.39. There was a rise in passenger numbers of 253 to 9,990.

Shadow cabinet secretary for economy and transport, Russell George, said: "The amount of money being thrown at this service is starting to raise serious questions, not least because passenger growth is being steadily outstripped by the rising cost of the subsidy.

"Last year the Welsh Government's contribution to the air link's running costs was £110 per person, which is more than the cost of a return ticket."

(The GEM checked on next-day flights and found the cheapest return flight to be £126.)

Mr George said that the Welsh Government must undertake an urgent review of the service, including its cost and the route itself, to determine ways to make the service more cost-effective and viable in the long term.

Countering these claims, a Welsh Government spokesperson said: "We experienced an increase in cost for the 'intra-Wales air service' as a result of the previous operator withdrawing from the route, with no notice, at the beginning of this year.

"An interim contract was competitively procured to ensure value for money was achieved and service continuity remained in place for passengers."

The GEM also approached Cardiff Airport for comment, but none was received before the newspaper went to press.

Warning that bovine TB 'failure' will 'cost trade deals with Europe'

by GEM REPORTER

WELSH Labour has been taken to task by the Tories over a failure to tackle bovine TB (bTB).

The Conservatives quoted figures released by the Welsh Government that showed 9,476 cattle were slaughtered in Wales in the 12 months to June 2016 compared to 6,647 for the same period to June 2015.

Paul Davies, Shadow Rural Affairs Secretary, said: "Welsh Labour's vaccination programme has failed, with the number of cattle slaughtered in Wales up by 43 per cent in the 12 months up to June.

"These figures highlight Labour's spectacular failure to tackle bTB, and demonstrate the huge impact that this disease is having on rural communities and Welsh farming."

He said that his party had long called for a "comprehensive scientifically-led programme" of bTB eradication to tackle the disease because, he said: "It remains all too clear that vaccination alone will not work."

He called for action from the Welsh Government, saying that stringent cattle controls and additional biosecurity will not "cut the mustard on their own".

Just last week, the Farmers Union of Wales (FUW) told AMs that bTB will "cost (Wales) trade deals with Europe" and gave its weight to a call for a debate at the National Assembly on the eradication of bTB in cattle and wildlife.

The motion was put forward by Plaid Cymru AM Simon Thomas, whose shadow brief includes energy, climate change and rural affairs, and was supported by AMs from other parties, including Mr Davies.

FUW president Glyn Roberts urged all other AMs to "throw their support" behind the debate, and said that each AM must recognise the "catastrophic consequences" for future trade negotiations if the disease status in Welsh wildlife is not urgently addressed.

He added: "This debate is an opportunity for cross-party co-operation on an issue which has significant emotional and financial implications for many farmers in Wales and we need the support of the whole Assembly to achieve a change in policy."

The FUW warned that current levels of bTB in Wales exceed what will be acceptable to other EU countries when the UK is outside the single market.

It further cautioned that the current disease status has the potential to be a challenging negotiation tool, especially given the vacuum created by post vaccination failure.

The GEM put Mr Davies' comments to the FUW.

Its spokeswoman, Anne Birkett, reported that a 2012 report by the Bovine Tuberculosis Subgroup of the EU Task Force for 'Monitoring Animal Disease Eradication' details that the European Commission recognised the link between badgers and bTB transmission to cattle.

She said: "In 2012, plans to cull badgers in the north Pembrokeshire 'Intensive Action Area' (IAA) were scrapped in favour of a five-year badger vaccination pilot programme.

"Since May 2010, cattle farmers within the IAA have endured additional, costly, cattle control measures which are over and above those implemented in the rest of Wales. These continued after the plan to cull badgers was abandoned."

Ms Birkett said that in December last year, the then-Deputy Minister announced that the fifth year of the badger vaccination trial could not be completed due to a global shortage of vaccine.

This, she said, coupled with a move from a cull of badgers to the vaccination programme meant that the eradication programme in Wales had lost momentum.

"With this in mind," said Ms Birkett, "and because of the failure to complete the IAA vaccination programme, the Welsh Government implements a badger culling policy at the earliest opportunity.

"This is in line with official ministerial advice previously received by Welsh Government, and recognises that controlling the disease in both cattle and badger populations remains imperative to achieving bovine TB eradication in Wales."

The debate takes place on Wednesday, 28 September.

The GEM approached Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Agriculture, and Rural Affairs, but received no comment by the time the paper went to press.

Bovine TB is having a huge impact on rural communities.

A visit to Chained Library and ancient 'Mappa Mundi'

SULLY U3A has recently formed a hand-bell group, using the hand-bells belonging to St John Baptist Church, Sully.

Despite being so newly formed, the ladies gave two performances when the church was open as part of Cadw Open Doors.

These were enjoyed by people taking the opportunity to look around the church.

Also members of the local history group visited Hereford Cathedral for a guided tour followed by a visit to the famous Chained Library and the Mappa Mundi exhibition, the Mappa Mundi being one of the earliest known maps of the world dating from around 1300.

The existing cathedral is the third one on the site and was started in 1079, after the existing Saxon cathedral was considered to be in too ruinous a state.

The Norman or Romanesque architecture in the nave and south transept was very impressive.

During the visit, they were shown the 14th century shrine dedicated to St Thomas de Cantilupe, who died in 1282 when he visited the Pope in Italy to appeal against his excommunication by John Peckham, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13 at 2pm in The Old School, Sully.

The speaker will be Gareth Kiddie talking on the restoration of the Galilee Chapel in Llantwit Major.

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Sully U3A hand-bell group.

Who was Boudicca?

WIFE. Mother. Queen. Guardian of her people – or a crazy warmongering woman with a taste for Roman blood. Who was the real Boudicca?

Find out in a fun, family-friendly show at Bryn Eryr Iron Age farmstead, St Fagans' newest, oldest building this weekend September 24 – 25, 12pm (Welsh language), 1.30pm and 3pm (English language).

The production is produced by 'In Character' as part of the Children's Festival of Welsh History. Written by Manon Steffan Ros, the show will be performed in St Fagan's Museum's Iron Age roundhouse.

It is aimed at families with children aged 6-11 (all children must be with an adult).

Bookings via www.ticketlineuk.com or phone 029 2023 0130.

Latest draft development plan issued

THE Vale Council has begun consultation on the latest changes to its draft Local Development Plan, made following the recent public examination of the previous draft.

The council is required to produce a Local Development Plan which sets out the local authority's vision, objectives, strategy and policies for managing development in the Vale of Glamorgan. The plan covers the years 2011 to 2026.

At the 'Examination in Public' undertaken earlier this year, an independent planning inspector, appointed by the Welsh Government, reviewed the council's plan to ensure it was sound and met with the requirements of relevant legislation.

As a result of this examination and the questions raised by the inspector, a number of changes have been made. These are known as 'Matters Arising Changes' and range from factual updates, to changes to wording, and new allocations for development.

The council will be formally consulting on the changes until October 28 and would welcome comments from interested parties.

The Matters Arising Changes Schedule, along with further information about this and the next stages of the LDP, can be viewed at the council's main offices, at all libraries in the Vale, and online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness for the Ramblers

FOR the eight walkers who joined Clive from Penarth and District Ramblers on the journey up to the Augustinian Llanthony Priory in the rugged, peaceful Vale of Ewyas where the landscape was blotted out by low mist and rain, there was a glimmer of hope that as per the weather forecast things would improve by lunch time, but it simply didn't happen!

Togged up against the weather, they set off though lush green meadows behind the extensive ruined priory and uphill into woodland on the Beacons Way for the gradual, but long climb, along a muddy fern-lined path to join Offa's Dyke Path, which runs the entire length of Hatterrall Hill and marks the boundary between Wales and England.

Crossing to the northeast side of the ridgeway where views normally stretch out over the fields of Herefordshire towards the delightful Golden Valley, the mist was just as bad on the English side of the hill as the Welsh.

Following Offa's Dyke Path southwards through the gloom and after meeting a group of ramblers from the Kent area on their way to Hay Bluff, an undefined pathway through thick heather led on past a stone grouse butt used on the Glorious Twelfth (of August) through to December as cover for shooting red grouse.

Heading on through the cross dyke and beginning their descent of the southern spur of the hill, the cloud lifted slightly revealing sheep and low roadside meadows in the Honddu Valley below them.

Steep slippery paths led them down to a hill overlooking Cwmyoy, torn in two from an ancient landslide where a stop was made for lunch in the shelter of a lovely old drystone wall as rain fell.

Then entering fields a bridleway led them downhill beneath the steep sided Darren through the farms of Daren isaf and Daren ganol before a bridge over the pretty River Honddu led to some road walking.

Re-entering fields past two friendly horses and crossing another footbridge over the Honddu, a series of huge meadows populated only with grazing sheep and red berries and acorns adorning the hawthorn and oak trees, led them back towards their start as the mist finally lifted enough to allow some views northwards through the beautiful Vale of Ewyas.

On September 24, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 10-mile moderate walk taking in Castle-upon-Alun, St Brides Major and the Heritage Coast; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On September 25, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for (depending on the weather) a 10 to 12-mile hard walk taking in Blaen y Glyn waterfalls and Talybont; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

To follow the group please log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB NEWS ROUND-UP

PENARTH Hockey Club's second XI suffered a setback in their pursuit of further silverware in 2016-17, as a disappointing performance led to an early exit from the season's cup competition in Swansea, but there was a notable landmark for the resurgent club as it fielded four senior sides for the first time in more than 20 years.

PENARTH 'A' - WELSH CHALLENGE CUP (QUALIFYING ROUND)

After losing in the final of the Challenge Cup last season, Penarth's second XI were looking to go one step further this season, but first needed to overcome the now-familiar start-of-season hurdle posed by the multi-team qualifying competition in Swansea.

The Vale side opened up against Cardiff & Met in their first game but, in an end-to-end encounter, it was Cardiff who struck first, capitalising on a breakaway to find a free man in the 'D'.

Penarth fought back to level before the interval, with increasing pressure eventually allowing Dave Kidby to apply the finishing touch to a nice passing move, but the Bears were to be guilty of missing further good chances and, as the game continued to feature goalmouth action at both ends, were made to pay when Cardiff & Met grabbed two second half goals to run out 3-1 winners.

Although the late withdrawal of second scheduled opponent Abergavenny gave the disappointed Penarth players a lengthy break between games, it also removed an opportunity to put some points on the board and the Vale side eventually faced a strong Bridgend side knowing that they needed to win by two clear goals if they were to qualify for the cross-group play-off games that would determine who progressed to the semi-finals at the Welsh Institute of Sport later in the season.

Unfortunately for the Bears, it was Bridgend who came out of the blocks the quicker and, having pressed Penarth hard enough to box them into their own half, the pressure eventually told as three quick-fire goals threatened to put the tie beyond doubt.

It could have been 4-0 before the interval but for a magnificent 'save' by Mark Harris that denied Bridgend from the penalty spot, and the moment seemed to inspire the Vale side as they fought back in the second half.

Goals from Phil Lane, with a beautiful reverse stick flick into the top corner, and Andrew Hornby, from the penalty spot after another of Lane's efforts was illegally blocked on the line, appeared to give Penarth hope of at least a positive result, but the fightback fell short as Bridgend added a soft fourth goal with Penarth down to 10 men late in the game.

The Bears will now need to show some 'bouncebackability' to recover from these disappointing defeats before the league season begins if they are to mount a bid for back-to-back divisional titles and accompanying promotion.

PENARTH 2, WHITCHURCH 2

With the Welsh Trophy qualifiers and new league season just around the corner, Penarth's senior side faced the toughest game of their pre-season as they welcomed a full-strength Whitchurch first XI squad to the 'Bears Den' at Stanwell School.

However, with the second team taking a squad to their cup qualifier, the firsts had to rely on a bare XI to battle both their opponents and the sweltering weather conditions.

Whitchurch made the better start, enjoying the lion's share of possession in the opening exchanges, setting a high tempo while Penarth looked to conserve their energy stores for later in the game.

Despite their better start, however, Whitchurch struggled to break down a resilient Penarth side showing plenty of discipline to keep their shape and structure.

The visitors did go close to breaking the deadlock but, while the deft touch from the forward managed to lob the ball over Adam Putt, it found the crossbar and could be cleared to safety.

The near-miss would spark a response from Penarth, and the half continued in an open manner, with both teams looking for the breakthrough – which eventually went to Whitchurch with the half-time whistle approaching, as former Penarth player Robert Williams converted a powerful drag flick that left Putt frustrated.

Penarth did not take long to strike back after the interval, with David Joyce striking a penalty corner from the top of the 'D' that took a nasty bobble in front of the hapless goalkeeper, and, despite Whitchurch's numerical advantage, it was the bare 11 of Penarth that dominated the second half.

It was ironic then that Williams was to get the next goal, firing low to Putt's right, but Penarth soon wised up to his tactic and, at the next opportunity, charged his effort down to spring a lighting counter-attack that found new recruit Andrew Willemite at the back post to score his first goal for the club and level the scores at 2-2.

Although both teams had chances to win the game, a draw was a fair result for a high quality encounter, but Penarth left as the happier team, having faced down a Whitchurch side playing two divisions higher in the league pyramid.

PENARTH B 3, CARDIFF MEDICS A 4

Having played as part of a combined development team the week before, Penarth's third XI began their pre-season preparations with a fixture against a Cardiff Medics team set to compete two divisions higher in the GoCrea8 league structure, but proved worthy opponents for the students.

The opening 20 minutes remained goalless, but Penarth enjoyed equal amounts of possession, if not territory. The Vale side were solid at back with the quartet of Simon Wilkinson, Matt Birch, Paul Thomas and Rob Harrison holding firm, and it was only the first real misplaced pass of the game that allowed the Medics to break the deadlock.

Unfortunately for Penarth, that strike was followed by another just a few minutes later as the Medics broke away following a dreadful Penarth penalty corner, but the home side were able to reduce the deficit before the interval as James Kidby converted following an excellent passing move at the end of the half.

Penarth started the second half as the better team and, within five minutes, were on level terms as Dave Watkins capitalised on an interception.

However, a mistake at the other end swiftly handed the Medics a chance to go back in front capitalising, leaving the home side to fightback all over again.

To their credit, Penarth stuck to their task and eventually pulled the scores level at 3-3 following another good attacking move, with Kidby calmly getting his second goal of the game after a clinical through ball from Adam Morse.

Sadly for the Bears, the last 15 minutes belonged mainly to the Medics as their youth superior fitness began to tell, but the Penarth defence held out into the dying moments, with goalkeeper Jason Harris making a couple of notable saves before a penalty corner right on the final whistle provided a final opportunity for the students to snatch victory.

Despite the defeat, it was an excellent all-round performance from the Penarth side, with special mention going to Nathan Townsend, whose tireless effort in midfield stopped many Medics attacks before they could develop into anything dangerous.

GWENT C 3, PENARTH C 1

Saturday saw the next step on Penarth Hockey Club's development towards its '2020 Vision and Goals' when, for the first time in over 20 years, a true senior fourth XI took to the field in addition to three other sides.

Faced by a more experienced Gwent team, the 'C-siders' gave an excellent account of themselves on a Rougemont pitch reminiscent of the one at Penarth's former home at Colcot.

On the heavily-sanded and very uneven surface, the visitors were unlucky to lose 3-1 in a game they could, and should, have at least drawn.

Hampered by the late withdrawal of their goalkeeper, Penarth were grateful to their hosts for lending them a replacement, but the youngster could do little when, from the breakdown of a dubious penalty corner, the men of Gwent took an early lead.

To their credit, the young Penarth side fought back strongly and, following good work by Jack Ritchie, veteran Derek Wooding brought the scores level.

Parity was short-lived, however, as shortly before the half-time break, Gwent managed to force the ball home from short range to take a 2-1 lead into the interval.

The second half began much as the first had ended and, with the Penarth youngsters tiring quickly, the Gwent side took advantage to extend their lead.

A tactical switch by the Penarth skipper, pushing additional players into the contested midfield saw the 'C-siders' take control of the latter stages but, despite a succession of penalty corners resulting from the increased Penarth pressure, a series of saves and goal-line clearances meant the Vale side were unable to claw back the deficit and Gwent ran out 3-1 winners.

It was an extremely close call for man-of-the-match between returning veteran Ian Brookfield and newcomer Iwan Meddins, but the general consensus was that the youngster richly deserved the award for a highly promising senior debut.

Three of the four Penarth Hockey Club sides are in action this weekend, with the first XI taking their turn in cup qualifying action as they take the first step towards defending the Welsh Trophy they won last season.

The seconds travel to face off against Cardiff Medics, while the fourths entertain Llanishen & Caerphilly 'B' at Stanwell. All three sides will play in the memory of club stalwart Brian Lowe, who sadly passed away at the start of the week.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Beavers compete at gala

BARRY BEAVERS Disabled Swimming Club recently competed at a swimming gala in Ebbw Vale.

The team were: Sarah Davies, Louis Davies, Jack Kemp, Faye Sage, Andrew Sage, Mark Eveleigh, Kyle Salik, Philip Daley, Nicholas Cushen, F.Jones, J.Finch, C.Savory, T.Savory, James Mothersole, Keira Richards, and Adam Sergeant.

They were supported by: Pat Finch (coach), Chris E, Angela, Catherine Jones, Linda Savory, Tom Burly (squash) and Josh Davies (squash), along with all the parents, relatives and members who came to support the team.

They came second overall in points and will find out where they stand in the League Swim at the next gala in the Rhondda.

NICHOLAS CUSHEN

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Local tennis club look ahead to historic fixture

RECENTLY re-established tennis club, Llantwit Major TC, will be hosting its first league team tennis match in over 10 years.

The match will take place on the courts next to Llatonian Hall at 10am on Sunday, September 25. The club is looking for as much support as possible to cheer on the team and witness the historic occasion.

LMTC was reformed in July of this year thanks to the efforts of a group of volunteers, Llantwit Major Town Council and local coaching provider Vale Tennis Academy.

The club decided to enter Tennis Wales' Mixed Doubles Winter League to put the club back on the tennis map competing against teams from all over south Wales.

The winter league season will run up until March 2017 and details of all the club's fixtures can be found on its website, www.llantwittennis.co.uk

The fixture on Sunday is billed to be the start of a great friendly rivalry against Barry Community Tennis Club, another local club that was set-up as part of Vale Tennis Academy's Park Tennis Programme. After the match both teams and spectators have been invited to celebrate at the rugby club next door.

Over the last couple of months LMTC's membership base has steadily grown but to achieve its aim of replacing the current court surface, will require more members to sign up.

The club meet up every Friday evening and Saturday afternoon from 2pm for social tennis and there is coaching for children every Saturday morning.

Joining Llantwit Major TC allows you free access to the courts, attend weekly social sessions for free, discounted rates on coaching and you will be able to go into our Wimbledon ticket ballot!

If you are interested in joining, please visit our website, www.llantwittennis.co.uk, or email info@llantwittennis.co.uk - you can also find Llantwit Major Tennis Club on Facebook and Twitter.

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Defeat to end season for Romilly

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club visited Ferndale last Saturday for their last game of the season which was a re-arranged fixture.

Both sides were unable to win the league but Ferndale were in second place just ahead of Romilly in third place. With Caerphilly already champions, Romilly, as last year's champions, were eager to finish in second position but had to beat Ferndale by at least 13-1 but, at Ferndale, winning was going to be extremely difficult.

Ferndale fielded their strongest team of their season while Romilly were five regular first team players missing through holidays.

Fortunately Romilly were able to call on players who were regulars in the club's A team who have gained promotion for the second year in succession.

The A team players, namely Denis Mottram, Tony Jones and Brian Cheal, acquitted themselves well in a Romilly team who fought right to the end, losing out by just one shot, 79-80.

With three rinks losing it was Jeff Wright's rink, playing brilliantly, winning by 27 shots, 35-8, gaining two points for Romilly to Ferndale's 12.

Another excellent season for the Romilly Club with the first side finishing third in the first division and the club's A team achieving promotion from Division 4 to Division 3 after winning Division 5 the previous year.

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Dinas Wolves' six of the best

YOUNG Dinas Wolves could have had this game against IMFC Blues buried in the opening 10 minutes but a failure to convert proved costly.

Bayley Harewood, playing in such a rich vein of form at present, opened the scoring after Kyle Booker had set Rian Thomas free and he squared it across the goal.

The pace of the Dinas forwards kept IMFC back. The home missed a number of chances again and IMFC capitalised, drawing level.

As the half wore on the game was a very even contest as both keepers were tested. Jacob Moss donned the gloves for Dinas and was in fine form.

With less than three minutes on the watch in the second half IMFC had taken the lead with a great low strike into the corner, as they looked to carry on from where they had finished the first half.

This just fired the home side up and from then on in they threw bodies forward in search of goals.

The introduction of a nearly-fit again Callum Hewitson had the desired affect as he bagged himself a hat-trick in the next 15 minutes, showing why his regarded so highly within the team.

Not to be outdone Harewood bagged another two and left the field to a round of applause from his teammates.

Harrison Kelly and Conor O'Brien looked for the simple ball to keep the Dinas team ticking over with some crisp passes. Rian Thomas ran himself into the ground for the team, tracking back until his tank was empty.

This wasn't a day for pretty football from the home team, it was about putting the ball in areas that Dinas could work with.

Joe Doughty, Zac Fifield, Jacob Perria and Kyle Booker kept feeding the front three time and time again.

Jake Lewis, Jake Frost, Tylor Williams, Robson Malam and Kian Quest then stood strong to give the home side a good platform to play off.

Man of the match for Dinas was Jacob Moss, playing in goals and proving a great stand-in replacement. The final score was 6-2.

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SCHEDULE

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Sul 2 Hydref 2016	**1/ A4055 - Cogan Spur** (ar gau yn y ddau gyfeiriad) o'r gyffordd ag A4160 Heol Penarth tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain i ffin y sir.	09.00am tan 12.00pm
	2/ A4160 - Windsor Road (Cogan Hill) ar gau tua'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd ag A4055 Cogan Spur i'r gyffordd â Marconi Avenue, bydd hyn yn cynnwys ffordd gylchol y gylchfan ym Marconi Avenue, er y bydd yn dal i alluogi traffig i adael Penarth tua'r gogledd-orllewin yn unig.	09.00am tan 12.00pm
	3/ A4160 – Heol Penarth (ar gau yn y ddau gyfeiriad) o'r gyffordd ag A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road tua'r gogledd-orllewin i ffin y sir â Chaerdydd yn Afon Elái.	09.00am tan 12.00pm
	4/ A4055 – Barry Road o'r gyffordd ag A4160 Heol Penarth tua'r de-orllewin i'r gyffordd â Penlan Road, wrth gyffordd Merrie Harrier, Llandochau (bydd y ffordd hon ar gau i draffig yn mynd i'r gogledd-ddwyrain yn unig, bydd hyn yn galluogi traffig i adael Penarth i gyffordd Merrie Harrier).	09.00am tan 12.00pm
	5/ Llandough Hill (ar gau yn y ddau gyfeiriad), o'r gyffordd â Heol Penarth am tua 210m tua'r gorllewin.	09.00am tan 12.00pm
	6/ Marconi Avenue (ar gau yn y ddau gyfeiriad), o'r gyffordd ag A4160 Windsor Road (Cogan Hill), i'r gyffordd â Terra Nova Way, bydd hyn yn cynnwys ffordd gylchol y gylchfan yn Terra Nova Way.	09.45am tan 12.00pm
	7/ Terra Nova Way (y ddau gyfeiriad),	09.45am tan 12.00pm
	8/ Penarth Portway (ar gau yn y ddau gyfeiriad), rhwng Terra Nova Way a maes parcio'r morglawdd, gan gynnwys ffordd gylchol y gylchfan wrth y gyffordd â Terra Nova Way.	
	9/ Bydd Paget Road (a adnabyddir hefyd fel Dock Road) (ar gau yn y ddau gyfeiriad) hefyd ar gau rhwng y gyffordd â Paget Terrace a Penarth Portway, bydd hyn yn cynnwys ffordd gylchol y gylchfan wrth y gyffordd â Penarth Portway.	09.45am tan 12.00pm

Caiff arwyddion eu codi ar gyfer gwyriadau i draffig na all ddefnyddio A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road nac A4160 Heol Penarth drwy B4267 Penlan Road a Leckwith Road, oherwydd pont wan ar waelod Leckwith Hill, bydd y llwybr hwn yn anaddas i gerbydau dros 7.5 tunnell (11 tunnell os mai cerbydau gwasanaeth cyhoeddus ar lwybr lleol ydynt, cerbydau Gwasanaethau Brys, cerbydau Cynnal a Chadw Priffyrdd yr Awdurdod Lleol), bydd rhaid i gerbydau mwy deithio ar hyd yr A4231 Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri, ac A4050 Port Road.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

CARDIFF HALF MARATHON – PENARTH

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said Schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIREC**T in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles **with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles** between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Sunday 2nd October 2016	**1/ A4055 – Cogan Spur** (closed in both directions) from its junction with the A4160 Penarth Road in a north easterly direction to the county boundary.	09.00am to 12.00noon
	2/ A4160 - Windsor Road (Cogan Hill) closed in a south easterly direction from its junction with the A4055 Cogan Spur to its junction with Marconi Avenue, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at Marconi Avenue, though it will still allow traffic to exit Penarth in a north westerly direction only.	09.00am to 12.00noon
	3/ A4160 - Penarth Road (closed in both directions) from its junction with the A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road in a generally north westerly direction to the county boundary with Cardiff at the river Ely.	09.00am to 12.00noon
	4/ A4055 – Barry Road from its junction with the A4160 Penarth Road in a generally south westerly direction to its junction with Penlan Road, at the Merrie Harrier junction Llandough (this road will only be closed to northeast bound traffic, this will allow traffic to exit from Penarth to the Merrie Harrier junction).	09.00am to 12.00noon
	5/ Llandough Hill (closed in both directions), from its junction with Penarth Road for a distance of approximately 210m in a generally westerly direction.	09.00am to 12.00noon
	6/ Marconi Avenue (closed in both directions), from its junction with the A4160 Windsor Road (Cogan Hill), to its junction with Terra Nova Way, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at Terra Nova Way.	09.45am to 12.00noon
	7/ Terra Nova Way (both directions), throughout its length.	09.45am to 12.00noon
	8/ Penarth Portway (closed in both directions), between Terra Nova Way and the barrage car park, including the gyratory of the roundabout at its junction with Terra Nova Way.	
	9/ Paget Road (also known as Dock Road) (closed in both directions), will also be closed between its junction with Paget Terrace and Penarth Portway, this will include the gyratory of the roundabout at its junction with Penarth Portway.	09.45am to 12.00noon

Signed diversions shall be in operation for traffic unable to use A4055 Cogan Spur/Barry Road and A4160 Penarth Road will be in place via the B4267 Penlan Road and Leckwith Road, due to a weak bridge at the bottom of Leckwith Hill this route will be unsuitable for vehicles over 7.5 tonnes (11 tonnes if they are a public service vehicle on a local route, Emergency Service vehicles, local Authority Highway Maintenance vehicles), larger vehicles will have to travel via the A4231 Barry Docks Link, and A4050 Port Road.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2016

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The season draws to a close at Barry Central

WITH the season drawing to its close, it is gratifying to note the improvement being shown by the men's section of the club.

All league matches in both the Munroe Cup and Cardiff Municipal League, were completed.

In fact the final match, against Rhymney, was played throughout in heavy rain.

The team won its final three matches, it is hoped that this augers well for next season. Already, members are involved at Sully at the indoor bowls centre.

On Saturday, September 10, the men's section met for the annual captain's day.

A session of 'Greyhound Bowls' was followed by a meal provided by the captain, David Goddard. Special thanks and a bouquet were presented to Mrs C. Evans for her hard work in helping to provide her services.

The club, as a whole, met on September 15 for the annual presentation of trophies. Winners and runners-up are listed below (winners listed first):

Men's section: Championship - G. Goldthorpe, D. Goddard; Handicap - D. Goddard, S. Downer; Two Wood - D. Goddard, S. Downer; Dave Roach Cup - D. Goddard , G. Goldthorpe; Reg. Hall Cup - G. Goldthorpe, J. Wathes; Pairs - A. Castle/D. Goddard, E. Hands/J. Wathes; Mixed Pairs - E. Tombs(F)/D. Goddard, B. Bailey(F)/S. Downer.

The most improved players trophy was awarded to Brian Parker, a complete novice at the start of the season.

Ladies section: Blodwen Harfoot Plate - N. Charles/J. Bullock, J. Morgan/P. Widger; Peggy Wood Cup - P. Chapple, J. Bullock; Novice Cup - P. Widger, P. Chapple; Handicap Shield - E. Tombs, P. Chapple.

A special presentation, of an engraved plaque, was made to Stan Smith, president of the club, to mark his 90th birthday.

At the close of the season, the men's chairman, Mr. Ken Tanner, was able to acquire three new trophies for the men's section.

The trophies were donated by Mr. Alun Cairns, Conservative MP, LDS Motor Factors, and the chairman's son Bradley Tanner - Business, Nuts & Bolts. These trophies will replace trophies that have no more room for any additions.

The club Christmas dinner will be held at the Dinas Powys Golf Club. **BC**

ABOVE: The Barry Central champions for 2016.

Skittles winners are announced

THE result of the Seaview Labour Club summer skittles tournament played over the summer month has been announced.

The winners of the Rim Motors Cup were the ladies team Loose Change, with a prize of £800; the runners-up were Park B, collecting £360.

In the Strongbow Plate, the winners were J J Window, with a prize of £140; the runners up were K P Monkey nuts collecting £70. **AP**

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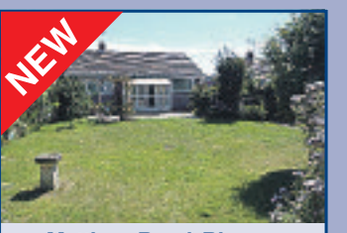

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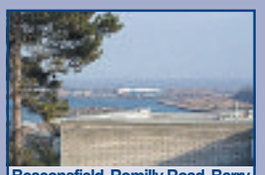

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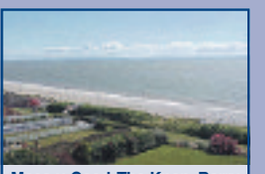

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Family Notices

WILLSON
Avril

Peacefully passed away on September 14 at the Heath Hospital, Cardiff, Avril, aged 69 years, of Grayburn House, Barry. Beloved wife of Trevor and dearly loved mother of Karl, Stephen, Dean and Natasha.
Avril will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.
Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service and committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, September 27 at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Cancer Research in memory of Avril.
Further enquiries contact Lyndsay Ellis, 01446 407962.

GIFFORD
Terence Mark

Peacefully on September 14 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Terry, loved by his three daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, September 28, service and interment 2pm at St. Athan Church.

SMITH
Diana Joan

Peacefully on Sunday, September 11 2016 at home with her loving family by her side. Beloved wife of Alan, much loved mum of David and daughter-in-law Erin. Loving and proud nanny to Emily and Georgia. Cherished sister of David and sister-in-law Anne.
Diana will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service on Thursday, September 22 2016 in Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent direct to y Bywthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, CF31 1RQ. All further enquires to Rosemount Funeralcare, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend, Cf31 3AP, Tel: - 01656 653156.

JONES
Terence (Terry)

Very suddenly on September 14, after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's at the Forge Care Home, Ely.
Terry, aged 88 years, formerly of Llandough and originally from Cadoxton, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Mary, devoted father of Kathleen and Helen and respected father-in-law to Huw. Dearest brother of Rona, Molly, Vincent, Will and the late Bernard and Brian.
He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.
Terry is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis. Resting at The private chapel of James Pidgeon & Son, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff until the Requiem Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church, Dinas Powys on Friday, October 7 at 11am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Floral tributes welcomed. Donations, if so desired, may be made at the service to support The Columbian Missionaries, Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fisherman or Crossroads Care in the Vale.
Further enquiries contact Lyndsay Ellis, 01446 407962.

Acknowledgements

AMOS
Alan John

Pam and Russell would like to thank their family and the many friends and neighbours who attended the celebration of Alan's life.
We would like to thank you all for the beautiful cards and messages received. Our grateful thanks to Pastor Ken and Bette for the loving, warm service at Mount Pleasant. Thank you to the team at Barry Town Social Club for all their hard work making Alan's farewell such a success. A big thank you to Lyndsay Ellis and team at the Vale Funeral Service, your professionalism, warmth and kindness will never be forgotten. Finally, thank you all for your kind donations to Marie Curie and Holme Towers in memory of Alan.
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EASTERN VALE PARISHES HOST VISIT FROM SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Photographs by **IAN DIXON**

RECENTLY, the Eastern Vale Group of Parishes welcomed visitors from Sweden – a party from the Lutheran Church, on a twinning trip.

On the first day of the two-day trip, the guests visited all seven churches in the eastern Vale group, with a break for lunch at St Nicholas Church Hall. In the afternoon, they stayed in St Nicholas for a meeting, followed by an evening prayer at St Nicholas Church.

On the second day, they visited a farm in Pendoylan, and also popped in to Pendoylan Church-in-Wales Primary School.

This was followed by a leisurely afternoon in Peterston-super-Ely.

The finale to the trip was worship at St Peter's Church, and a Welsh-themed evening meal in the church hall.

As these images by Ian Dixon show, the group from the Swedish Lutheran Church made the most of their twinning visit to the Vale.

Countdown to Enfys craft fair

THE October Enfys fair will take place on Saturday, October 1 at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, between 10am until 4pm.

The raffle last month raised £105, which included the sale of Louise's mouth-watering cakes which Louise had baked before going on holiday. Well done, Louise.

This month's charity is Rozmogz cat rescue, which was set up in June 2015 by three friends who felt there was a need for another cat rescue project in Cardiff due to the overwhelming number of stray and unwanted cats.

Roz, Anna and Sheena run the project from their homes. They take in stray cats and kittens which are looked after in pens until they can find them new, loving homes.

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Many visitors come along especially to savour the delicious food from Ann's kitchen. She will be ready with her refreshments and drinks for your enjoyment.

For more information about the fair, contact Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

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"Fostering is not only a very important role, but also a rewarding experience and BCBC works hard to ensure all carers receive the advice and support they need."

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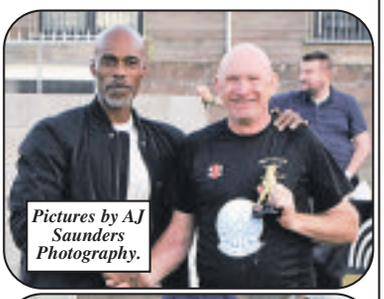
Youth presentation night held at Barry Athletic Cricket Club



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ON Friday, September 2, Barry Athletic Cricket youth section hosted its annual presentation to celebrate a momentous 2016 season.

The evening was hosted at Barry Athletic Cricket Club with a number of VIP's and sponsors in attendance.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Barry Athletic cricket youth co-ordinator Mark Ellis. Mark was ably assisted by a team of coaches who help out with the training and matches for the under-9s and under-11s teams.

With the club completing its first year in the Cardiff & Vale Junior cricket league it was important to recognise a number of major achievements throughout the year.

These included hosting a Vale Schools festival at the ground in June, Chris Lewis giving a masterclass at training sessions along with visiting Communities First primary schools back in May, a fantastic last ball win over Cowbridge under-11s, training sessions taking place for both the under-9s and under-11s over the ground every Tuesday night.

Also, a number of the members became members of the Young Buds scheme and the youth section were guard of honour at the Glamorgan v Sussex T20 match in June.

The evening began with games of rounders and football and there were other attractions to keep the children entertained including a smoothie bike, a paint bike and facepainting.

Some interactive children and parent games followed which was great fun and Chris Lewis, the ex-England international, marshalled the games in true "It's a Knockout" style.

Chris has taken the youth section to heart and become an integral part. With his cricketing knowledge and great personality the children and coaches really appreciated his presence.

The awards ceremony consisted of individual awards to 38 children and 11 awards were handed out for individual performances.

The winners of the awards were: Players Player of the Year – Owen Scott; Under-11s Player of the Year – Joe Ray; Under-9s Player of the Year – Brochan Evans; Coaches Player of the Year – Emily Stanley.

Club Person of the Year – Libby Rae Robson; Most Improved Player of the Year – Morgan Price; Fielder of the Year – Iolo Davies; Bowler of the Year – Elis Ewington; Batsmen of the Year – Jonny Lowrie; Statman of the Year – Simon Bell; Champagne Moment of the Year – Richard Eastman.

The evening finished with a presentation to Glan Williams, who has been a stalwart of the club for over 30 years.

Glan made the "The Cricketer" magazine's September edition as the "Hardy's Hero" and was presented with a tankard, a trophy and a copy of the magazine.

A raffle made £163 towards the running costs of the club and the youth sections would like to thank the following people for making the presentation night a big success: Nina Ray, Cynthia Ellis, Susan Miles and Mark Rees for helping with preparing the food, Martin Baker, Nathan Baker, Ben Collins and Peter Hellyar for helping out behind the bar.

Also a big thanks to sponsors Cadwaladers, IOTS, Barry Town Council, Asda, Waitrose, Tesco and Plus Network Solutions.

MR

Murch end their season with finals tournament

MURCH Bowls Club's finals tournament opened on Thursday, September 8, with the Mixed Rink competition being won by one shot by Alan Perry, Ann Croom, Terry Phillips, and Roger Mauchline against David Letts, Bill Frampton, Ian Robinson, and Cynthia Tranter.

Friday, September 9, started with the Mixed Triples – winners Terry Phillips, Sheila Mauchline and Roger Mauchline, runners-up Eileen Carryer, Ian Robinson and Graham Russell, 15-13, then the Mixed Pairs – winners Eric Atkins and Cynthia Tranter; runners-up Chris Real and Roger Mauchline, 27-12.

This was then followed by the Ladies Pairs – winners Chris Real and Sheila Mauchline, runners-up Avril Allen and Eileen Carryer, 23-8

On Saturday, September 10, the day kicked off with the Ladies Triples – winners Liz Sandercott, Ann Croom and Marilyn Clake, runners-up Avril Allen, Eileen Carryer and Cynthia Tranter, 16-11, then the Men's Triples – winners Clive Salvidge, Alan Perry and Geoff Lane, runners-up Eric Atkins, Terry Phillips and Roger Mauchline, 20-16.

This was followed by the Men's Pairs – winners Alan Perry and Mark Hughes, runners-up Maurice Warman and Ivor Williams, 25-17, and then the Mixed 2 Wood – winners Myra Rice and David Poole, runners-up Cynthia Tranter and Roger Mauchline, 12-11.

On conclusion of the last game lunch was taken and a fine selection of salads and buffet food was available.

A special thanks to all our ladies for their magnificent organisation and particularly to Gwladys Hayes who worked tirelessly throughout the day.

The afternoon continued with the Ladies Novice Singles which was won by Chris Real, runner-up was Pat Ayres, 21-8 and the Men's Novice Singles – qinner Tony Rice, runner-up Eric Atkins, 21-13.

The Ladies Championship singles final was marked by the men's vice captain Mark Hughes. The contestants were Sheila Mauchline and Marilyn Clake. Both ladies played magnificently and were evenly matched.

The game was played in a wonderful spirit and on the 28th end Sheila played the winning shot to end the game at 21-17. Both ladies earned the resounding applause from spectators.

The Men's Championship singles final was marked by lady captain Eileen Carryer. The winner was David Poole and the runner-up Terry Phillips.

Terry got off to a good start but once David got in his stride he took the upper hand to win conclusively.

Despite the less than perfect bowling conditions, partly because of the soft condition of the green, there was some excellent bowling throughout the three days.

Congratulations to all players for such sporting and exciting finals.

With the tournament concluded the members and players retired to the club house for the presentation, carried out by club president Roger Mauchline, ably assisted by vice president Cynthia Russell.

There was a tinge of sadness to the day when we heard that trustee/founder member Mike Bransfield had passed away that day.

Mike was one of our founder members who was honoured last year at our 25th anniversary dinner/dance and until fairly recently had umpired our finals, resplendent in his green blazer.

He served the club well in his capacity as captain, coach, umpire, player and friend. He will be missed for many reasons, not least his humour, encouragement and good-natured banter.

Finally, our captains Eileen Carryer and Terry Phillips are pleased to announce that the captains' charities this year are Teenage Cancer Trust and Clic Sargent. Both will receive a cheque for £460.

A final thank you to all helpers who assisted the captains' in raising the amount for the charities.

EC

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Wenvoe Castle wins the Jim Davies Knockout Cup

WENVOE Castle Golf Club are founder members of the Hallett Golf Society which was set up in south east Wales just after World War Two and now has a membership of 37 golf clubs covering a wide geographical area, from Brecon down to Penarth and from Maesteg in the west across to Newport in the east.

The Society provides the opportunity for higher handicap golfers to represent their clubs within a league format together with a knockout competition known as the Jim Davies Cup.

To win either the Hallett League Trophy or the Jim Davies Cup requires considerable success over several months of competitive golf and this year Wenvoe Castle found the winning formula to win the knockout trophy for the first time since 2008.

Along the way to the final the club defeated Newport, Virginia Park, Morlais Castle and eventually Dinas Powis in the semi-final on a home and away basis.

The final is traditionally played at Wenvoe Castle but to avoid home advantage a neutral course, Pyle and Kenfig, was selected where they would meet their opponents Woodlake Park.

With handicaps limited to 18 and over, the matches are played in a foursomes format and after 18 holes of keenly contested golf the two teams couldn't be separated with the score ending up at 2-2.

Sudden death was required and each captain was required to select a pair to contest the sudden death, a daunting prospect for the players selected.

Team captain Viv Hulbert selected Keith Holgate and Peter Tarry, who comfortably won their earlier match and their momentum was maintained as they won the sudden death play-off on the first hole.

Club captain Paul Coombs congratulated the team on winning the prestigious trophy and in particular the way the team had represented the club throughout the competition.

Clearly delighted with their success the photograph shows the members of the team displaying the Jim Davies Cup and their individual trophies:

Pictured are: (back row) Mike Brown, Alfie Hitchcock, Peter Tarry, Russell Owens and Martin Lewis. Front row: Dr Keith Holgate, team captain Viv Hulbert and Dai Hutchings.

BJ

Finals day at bowls club

LAST weekend Llantwit Major Bowls Club played their ladies and men's finals competitions; they were well organised by Val and John Ball and everything ran smoothly.

In the Ladies Championship final Kay Johnes started well and held the lead until the 11th end. The game was still evenly balanced until the last four ends when Liz Crouch came into her own, scoring nine shots to win by 10 shots.

Naomi Baelz against Helen Nixon was a pretty close affair until the final two ends when Naomi scored four shots to win the match by five shots.

Naomi had another good win in the Junior Championship when she beat Kyle Garrison; the match was close until the last four ends which were won by Naomi to win by four shots.

In the ladies Two Bowl Pairs Marion Lewis and Liz Crouch were too strong for Marilyn Gomaz and Julie Molloy, winning by five shots.

In the PYO match the more experienced pair of Julie Molloy and Carol Willmot overwhelmed Dilys Hurley and Helen Nixon to win quite comfortably.

In the ladies Four Bowl pairs this was a more tighter match, with Marilyn Gomaz and Carol Willmot just edging out Liz Crouch and Julie Molloy to win by three shots.

In the Men's Championship a great match ensued with the underdog Mike Harmon showing no nerves. He kept winning on long jacks while Graham Jones, the club captain, was winning on short jacks; the game went down to the wire with Mike winning on the last end to win by two shots.

The Two Bowl Handicap was another close tussle with nothing dividing them, John Crane taking the final end to beat Steve Booker by one shot.

In the Tyro competition the game was going Geoff Timms' way up to the 18th end when John Nixon drew level, scoring three shots.

Another four shots by John over the final three ends saw him home by three shots.

In the Frank Rhodes Trophy Neville Young was only in the game up to the eighth end - then Glyn Fox won all the remaining ends, bar one, to win easily by 14 shots.

In the mixed pairs Marilyn Gomaz and Steve Booker were always ahead against Carol Willmot and John Crane, winning in the end by six shots.

In the Four Bowl pairs, Geoff Timms and Steve Booker were seven shots ahead by the 11th end; however, John Ball and Glyn Fox came back in the closing stages to lose by only three shots.

In the Two Bowl pairs, Eric Sparks and Steve Booker had a close encounter against John Crane and John Nixon, just winning by one shot to give Steve his third pairs trophy.

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Encouraging signs as new chess season gets under way

THE new chess season started on September 1, but due to the variances in the fixture list and requests to amend fixtures, the Barry Chess Club had to wait until September 12 for the first match.

However, like a Number 9 bus, the fixtures came together with three of our teams playing over two nights. For some of our players, this meant they played games on consecutive nights.

For the first time for quite a few years, our four teams find themselves playing in different divisions. With the loss of one of our strongest players, it seems likely that all of our teams may struggle this season. Rather than playing for titles and promotions, there could be some relegation fights instead.

Last week, the Camelots travelled to Caerphilly. As I am sure will be the case on numerous occasions this season we were outgraded on most boards. So, to come away with three draws and two defeats was not a bad start to the season.

The Quarks also hosted a match against the Cardiff Dragons, who had been relegated from division 2 last seaon. A strong encounter was anticipated and with their bottom board outranking four of our boards, to gain anything from this would be unlikely.

However, with the return of Mark Cooke and his son, Tom, to our ranks, we did manage to win two of the games, courtesy of the Cooke family, to lose by the closest possible margin of 3–2.

The bright spot for Barry came the next day when the Gambits in Division 4 travelled to Cardiff to take on another recently relegated team in the Cardiff Cavaliers, Stephen Bonutto and Dave Mahoney playing matches on consecutive days.

A change in the team captain clearly worked wonders as we returned home having taken the spoils with a 4–1 victory. At this early stage the Gambits head the table. There are only a further 15 rounds to go!

On another bright not, I can see that after the summer programme and the start of the league, we have two players who appear in the Alec Wood table for hightest increase in ratings: Nigel Ralphs is currently in third place, with an increase of 50 ratings points. It seems improbable that Nigel will be able to maintain this position due to his high starting rating and the lack of games he plays.

However, Stephen Bonutto lies in fifth place, with an increase of 37 ratings points. As Stephen plays as many games as he can, I have high hopes that he can bring the trophy back to Barry, where it belongs.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess, or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are welcome to just turn up on the night, or contact one of the club members through the website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Centurions round off season in style

SULLY Centurions Cricket Club brought down the curtain on the 2016 season with a friendly match against a touring side from Bicester in Oxfordshire, on Saturday.

Centurions batted first and brothers Ali and Awais Chaudhary both hit half centuries as the runs started to pile up.

Aron Arthur just missed out on a 50, being not out for 46 at the end. However, all of the batsmen chipped in with runs and Sully ended up on 232 for 5 after the allotted 35 overs.

After tea, which was provided by Morrison's of Barry, the visitors sent out their finest and were soon in trouble. Tarv Dhanjal and Terry Williams had the first three batsmen back in the pavilion for just 12 runs.

They didn't recover from this disastrous start and wickets began falling regularly. Terry Williams was the pick of the Centurions' bowlers, posting figures of 3 for 11. Tarv (2-19) Aron (2-1) and Jason Hicks (2-10) all returned decent figures, as the innings came to a close on 76 all out. Sully's Patrick Lane guested for Bicester and ended up as their top scorer on 20 not out!

Once again many thanks to Morrison's of Barry for providing the tea, which was enjoyed by all.

Sully Centurions 232-5, Bicester XI 76 all out.

MF

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Romilly bowlers enjoy finals day

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club men's section held their 2016 inter-club competitions on Saturday at Romilly Park.

Beginning at 9.30am the four wood pairs competition took place between the Bannisters, father Des along with son Alan, who took on Kelvyne Mills and Graham Cogbill.

After 10 ends Mills and Cogbill had a 17-0 lead but the score did not reflect how close the ends were with Mills in particular playing well and the Bannisters unlucky on a number of ends.

The game changed completely on end 11 with the Bannisters scoring their first shot which was the catalyst for a comeback, with the Bannisters taking nine of the next 10 ends to finally go down by just four shots 19-15.

Two more games were played at 12.30pm with the men's two wood competition between Alan Bryan and Clive Collins going to Collins 15-9.

The other game was the Mottram Cup which featured Alan Bannister and Denis Mottram, whose father presented the cup in honour of grandfather Henry Mottram, who was involved with the Romilly Club in the early 1900s.

The game began with Mottram making the early running and leading 13-7 after 15 ends; then the experience of Bannister came to the forefront and he took seven of the last eight ends to win 21-14.

The 3pm session included the club championship along with the handicap and Tim Evans cups.

The handicap competition involved Jeff Coles and Alan Bannister, who was playing his third game of the day. Both players were evenly matched and playing off scratch and the game was closely fought as expected with the score ending 21-17 in favour of Coles.

The Tim Evans Trophy was fought between club captain Mike Doyle and Des Bannister with Doyle holding the upper hand throughout, winning comfortably 22-13.

The club championship was the final game of the day between Phil Gershenson and Graham Cogbill in ever-improving weather.

The game was expected to be a close affair with Cogbill the slight favourite and the score after five ends was 6-3 in favour of Cogbill.

Over the next five ends Gershenson began to find the line and length on a tricky green and took four of the five ends to take a 11-7 lead.

Each of the ends 11 to 15 were only won by a single shot but it was Gershenson who maintained his lead increasing it 14-9.

The next four ends went in favour of the leader who now led 19-10, but you can't take Cogbill for granted as he stormed back with two 3s on ends 21 and 22 to narrow the score to 19-16.

That's as close as Cogbill got as Gershenson, already holding one, bowled a brilliant wood for shot and a two to win 21-16.

Congratulations must go to all bowlers who contested their games keenly making for exciting finals.

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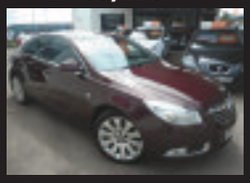

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Vale of Glamorgan Football League news round-up

THE big game of the day saw the top pair in Division Two go head to head.

Both teams came in with 100 per cent records but it was Cadoxton Imps who displayed quite the dominance as they smashed Barry Saints' perfect record to bits with a huge 7-2 victory.

Elsewhere in the division it was much more closely contested; St Athan B notched a much-needed 2-1 win over Barry Albion, Island Marine B edged out bottom side Rhoose B 1-0 and Penarth B defeated FC Pumas B by the same scoreline.

In Division One FC Pumas went top of the league after a thrilling 4-3 triumph over Barry Athletic B.

SP Billy bagged a 3-1 over Cadoxton Athletic and Sully won 5-4 in an exciting contest against Dockers.

Goals were also aplenty as Glenbrook and Cadoxton Barry gained their first points of the season as they played out a 4-4 draw.

Division One champions Cogan saw off Cardiff Airport 3-0 to continue their indifferent start to the season.

There was only one game in the Premier Division due to SWFA Intermediate Cup commitments and St Athan vs Penarth Town being postponed at the last minute.

Newly-promoted Vale United continued their fine form as they ran out 1-0 victors over previously unbeaten in the league Barry Athletic.

In the aforementioned SWFA Intermediate Cup, Barry Athletic, St Athan and Vale United received byes into round two but the Vale was well represented in the first round.

Rhoose won 4-1 against Cardiff Bay, Dinas Powys Athletic saw off Tonyrefail Welfare 4-0 and Cowbridge Town edged out Star FC 3-2.

Unfortunately, Island Marine, Tynewydd and Masons Moving Group were eliminated. Island Marine narrowly lost out 4-3 after extra time to Nelson Cavaliers, Tynewydd were defeated 3-2 by Talbot Green and Masons went down 4-2 to Cathays Cons.

This week it's back to league action. Game of the day in the Premier Division could well be Vale United hosting Rhoose, as the home team look to continue their 100 per cent start to the season.

In the First Division it has to be Barry Athletic B vs Sully Sports and in the Second Division the mid-table clash of Penarth B vs Island Marine B could be a very tightly-contested game.

HD

Grace and Caitlin get Wales call-up

TWO Barry Town United Ladies FC players, Grace Horrell and Caitlin Bevan have been selected to represent the Wales under-17 national squad for three European Qualifiers in October.

Caitlin Bevan.

Grace Horrell.

The squad will fly out to Latvia on September 27 to play three matches against Germany, Turkey and the host nation, Latvia.

Both girls currently play in the under-16 age group at Barry Town and their years of dedication and hard work is now paying off with recognition on the international stage at a major tournament.

Grace, a powerful and explosive striker, started out aged nine at Cardiff City Ladies before moving to Vale Ladies & Girls FC in July 2015, who subsequently became Barry Town for the new season.

She has represented the Cardiff & Vale County squad for the last three seasons, scoring a hatful of goals and progressed into international football 12 months ago, representing Wales at under-15 level in the home nations' Bob Docherty tournament in April this year.

Caitlin, a hard working box-to-box midfielder, started out at Cyncoed Girls as well as representing Thornhill for a season before joining Vale in July 2014.

Again, she has represented the county squad for three seasons, as well as winning the Welsh Schools tournament with Cardiff High in 2015.

Their achievements just emphasise the opportunities available in the female game which is growing at a rapid pace.

Barry Town itself currently has just under 200 female players aged from seven years of age through to senior ladies and is the largest club provider of girl's football in Wales at present.

Club chairman Luke Williams commented: "This is fantastic news for both Grace and Caitlin who I have been fortunate to both coach and watch develop over a number of years, and their recognition is thoroughly deserved.

"They are both dedicated young athletes which the club are extremely proud of and they set a great example to all our younger aspiring players showing what can be achieved with the right attitude and dedication."

To find out more information on how to get involved in girls football with the club, please visit our website: www.btuladies.co.uk.

Email: btuladies@gmail.com or call: 07772 022435.

LW

The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

LATEST results for September 5 from the Barry and District Ladies Skittles League are as follows:

First division: Pila Palas (S Bennet 34) 317, S V Gals (T Warner 37) 323; Family and Friends (L Sheppard 29) 255, Barry Stars (N Jones 30) 237; Baker's Dozen (J Mullin 31) 297, Coppers (S Ford 28) 260; Red Admiral (G Williams 26) 234, Colcot Ladies (M Snelling 25) 235; Space Finders (M Clarke 34) 348, Allsorts (L Thomas 30) 297; Family Affair (C Grubb 26) 246, Cigar Ladies (E Simmonds 32) 238; Bobby's Girls (S Snelling 29) 260, Special Angels (T Scully, C Wills, K Hilberg 25) 249.

Second division: Roller Coasters (B Maffey 25) 226, Castle Bandits (L Nash, M King 23) 227;' Cad Con Fillies (D Stringer 27) 238, Witchill Widows (C Gregory 25) 226; After Eights (Dot Davies 30) 250, Rhoose Starlights (S Drake 28) 279; Breakaways (V Martin, J Dawkins 29) 284, Airways Angels (J Naish 31) 308; Clickies (E Walter 37) 292, Merry Makers (H Duddridge 33) 230, Fallen Angels (K McInery, R Jones 28) 274, S V Lights (P Snook 23) 187; Castaways (D Rogers 28) 279, Witchill Weebies (S Cracknell 30) 280.

Third division: Vixens (K Thomas 40) 292, Little Devils (G Bowen 29) 268; Rebels (L Saunders, S Oram 20) 157, Challengers (D Elston 24) 195; Rugby Triers (C Jenkins, V Cawley 23) 220, Uptown Girls (T Anderson 28) 230; Hill Billies (M Wyman, I Dimond 35) 314, S V Ladies (R Leach 30) 266; LaBells (B Day, J Williams 32) 335, Twilights (S Haysom 32) 316; Dolly Mixtures (P Brigham 28) 198, Westenders (J Caravan, C Gee 22) 196.

Fourth division: Off the Rails (G Griffiths 25) 220, Boozy Birds (L Hams 27) 255; Persuaders (E Gardner 32) 212, Socialites (P Todd, J Parks 22) 196; Liberals (S Boyd 22) 193, Guardian Angels (S Rocon 25) 222; Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds 31) 211, Odd Bods (S Ali, T Parry 29) 228; Hell Raisers (J Rosser 25) 185, Living On A Spare (A Finn 26) 214.

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The Barry & District League tables and results round-up

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Moors Boys 7, West End 8; Liberals 8, West End Runaways 7.

League table: Liberals 26, West End Runaways 19, Wyndham Cons 18, West End 17, Cadoxton Cons 15, Moors Boys 14, Rhoose Social 11.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Sea View B 6, Slammers 1; King William XII 5, Allsorts 2; Rugby Club 2, Rhoose Social A 5; West End D 7, Liberals C 0; Liberals A 6, Rhoosters 1; Barries Boys 6, Rhoose Social B 1; West End C 7, Cambrian Flyers 0.

League table: West End C 12, Sea View B 11, Barries Boys 10, West End D 9, Liberals A 8, Rhoose Social A 8, Rugby Club 7.5, Rhoose Social B 6, Rhoosters 6, King William XII 5, Rhoose Social C 5, Allsorts 4, Slammers 3, Liberals C 2, Cambrian Flyers 1.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social C 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Wyndham Cons A 4, West End C 1; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Rhoose Social B 0; Harbour B 3, Savoy A 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Penarth Cons A 1.

League table: Harbour B 11, Savoy A 10, Cadoxton Cons B 9, Wyndham Cons A 8, Rhoose Social C 8, Penarth Cons A 7, Cadoxton Cons Z 5, Rhoose Social B 4, West End C 1, Penarth Cons B 1, Services Social B 1.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 2, West End B 3; Liberators 4, Harbour A 1; Savoy B 4, Market Street C 1; Market Street B 4, Wyndham Cons D 1; West End A 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3.

League table: Savoy B 11, Harbour A 10, Liberators 9, Sully Sports A 8, Wyndham Cons C 7, Cadoxton Cons A 7, West End A 6, West End B 5, Market Street B 5, Wyndham Cons D 4, Market Street C 3 (* = points deducted).

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JW

Tennis players compete in memory of Ruth Tamlyn

ON Sunday afternoon, September 18, the ladies of Dinas Powys Lawn Tennis Club came out in the warm sunshine to play in the Ruth Tamlyn tournament.

Ruth was a vibrant member of the club from 1967 until her death after a short illness in 1990. Her brother gave two trophies in her memory for what has become a very popular annual ladies tournament.

The tournament was established to bring together all ladies of the club – both team and social players, something about which Ruth was very passionate.

Our thanks go to Margaret James who was so instrumental in organising the event, and also to former president Jean Williams, and current president Nan Thomas who came to present the trophies.

All three of these ladies played in the club teams with Ruth, and were among her closest friends.

The winners of this very special tournament were Sammy Vowles and Mary Bray, with Freda Emery and Margaret James being runners-up.

The above picture shows Jean presenting the trophies to the winners.

NW

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for September 13:

1st Lynda & Maurice Wuetherick 59.38%; 2nd Jane Brook & Kay Dyer 55.95%; 3rd Mick Green & Denis Mottram 54.76%. Lynda and Maurice Wuetherick also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

DR

Brian Lee's new book may have some familiar (Vale) faces!

GEM columnist Brian Lee says that a number of people from the Vale will be surprised, maybe shocked, to see their names, and in some cases their photographs, in his new horse racing book 'Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales', to be published next month by St David's Press.

Brian, who this year celebrates 50 years of reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene, said: "The Vale has always been a hot bed for horse racing be it point-to-point, under the full rules of the sport or flapping (unlicenced meetings), so it is only natural that quite a few owners, trainers and riders from the area appear in it."

Brian, a prolific writer, is the author of around 25 books - his book on Wales' most famous horse race called 'The Welsh Grand National - From Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice' has been reprinted by The History Press who have also recently brought out a new edition of his Central Cardiff picture book.

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan, who has been in good form of late, landed a 35-1 double at Newton Abbot last Friday with 3-1 chance Master Dancer and 8-1 shot Winter Tale.

Both were running in hurdle events and Alan Johns was in the saddle in both races.

The former won by eight lengths from Echo Brava and the later scored by two-and-three -quarter lengths from The WealerDealer.

BRIAN LEE

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Barry RFC are hard done by in defeat at Llantrisant

ALTHOUGH Barry lost at unbeaten Llantrisant by 36 points to 24, the scoreline does not truly reflect the improvement shown by Barry and had not the home team been gifted two tries from some poor refereeing decisions, may well have earned their first win of the season.

The early minutes saw the home side attacking at every opportunity with the pace of their backline evident from the start. Barry's defence was well-organised and held firm until conceding a penalty which gave Llantrisant the lead.

Not to be outdone Barry launched their own offensive with the ball being kept in hand as they threatened, forcing the home team to concede a penalty, and a fine kick by Scott brought the scores level.

With their speedy scrum half orchestrating matters Llantrisant began a series of attacks, but the Barry defence was effective and halted their progress.

One such attack left them with a scrum near the Barry line and it was the home scrum half who created the space for a try wide out to leave the score at 8-3 after 13 minutes.

Barry again came back on the attack and more than once looked to have broken through only for the final pass not been taken or knocked on.

They were to be rewarded as the home side conceded a penalty, kicked by Scott, to bring the game down to a two point deficit on 20 minutes.

The next period saw attack and counter attack from both sides with chances at either end but resolute defence stopped the scoreboard moving until a further penalty for Llantrisant broke the deadlock.

Further attacks were launched by the visitors as a clever chip from Scott created a chance short of the line but as Barry recycled the ball was knocked on.

As the half drew to a close it was the home side who looked the more likely to score, but over-eagerness and good tackling kept them out.

The Barry scrum was beginning to struggle and after being driven back the resultant maul saw the home side spread the ball at pace, with an element of crossing too, to score a try which gave them the lead at 16-6.

There was still time for Barry to come back and such was the pressure they put the home side under they earned themselves two successful penalties which brought the score at half-time to 16-12, just rewards for the hard work they had put in in both attack and defence.

Barry started the second period with some clever handling and threatened the visitors' line but were unable to get the breakthrough and it was the home side who went further ahead from a penalty.

Llantrisant saw this as their chance to put the game to bed. and with their scrum half running the game, scored another try from what appeared to be a forward pass and against the run of play to put them 24-12 in the lead.

Problems increased for Barry when the struggling scrum was forced into conceding a penalty try which, with the conversion, left the score at 31-12 with still 20 minutes to go.

Lesser teams may have given up at this stage but such is the character of this squad that they proceeded to attack from everywhere and had the home side on the back foot and defending desperately.

Taking a scrum against the head on halfway, Barry moved to within yards of the line and from a catch and drive at the lineout, the ball found Evans to crash over for a well-deserved try wide out which went unconverted.

However the joy was shortlived as a penalty to Llantrisant was taken quickly, yards from where the offence took place, which found the Barry defence out of position and led to an unconverted try and a lead of 36-17.

Minutes later, with a Barry player about to cross for a well-worked try, the referee called play back for a previous infringement and awarded Barry a penalty just short of the line.

Barry were not to be denied and the resultant scrum saw Barry drive over for Hollister to get the try, converted by Scott, to bring the score to 36-24.

The final minutes belonged to Barry but try as they might they were unable to get that extra score which would have given them a bonus point which the performance richly deserved.

This was Barry's best performance of the season to date and, but for being on the wrong end of some refereeing decisions, this could have been their first win of the season in the league.

The squad must be applauded for their effort on the day, where at times they played some good attacking rugby matched with a resolute defence.

This Saturday Barry entertain Aberdare, kick off 2.30pm.

Last week's lottery numbers which failed to find a winner were 02, 06, 13 and 15; the new jackpot will be £2,600.

AJ

Barry Town commemorate UEFA Cup game - AND HOPE TO BE INSPIRED!

BARRY Town United will mark the 20th anniversary of a landmark UEFA Cup match at Jenner Park this Saturday, though the club will be keen to return to winning ways before any celebrations can begin.

Last weekend saw the Town's unbeaten start to Welsh League Division One come to a sudden end at Cwmbran Celtic, with the Gwent side overturning a one-goal deficit to return to the top of the table.

Visitors Barry had led as soon as the opening minute, as defender Bobby Briers (now in his fifth season at the club) converted from 12 yards to delight the colourful travelling supporters.

However, Celtic's Chris Ham would level from the spot after the interval, bringing the number of penalties awarded in the Town's last four outings to an unlikely eight.

Ultimately, Cwmbran's Rakesh Patel would have the final word, lifting the ball above Mike Lewis and into the Barry net.

It was the first time Lewis had been beaten in open play since his arrival at the Jenner Park club and served as a death knell for the Town's hopes of a positive result.

Hosts Celtic were deserving of their triumph, joining two other clubs on top with 13 points on an afternoon that underlined the competitive nature of the Welsh League Division One field.

Nevertheless, manager Gavin Chesterfield will be disappointed to see his team surrender their unbeaten record - and is now tasked with reviving their fortunes on home turf this weekend.

On Saturday, Caldicot Town make the trip to Jenner Park for Barry's 10th match of the new campaign; a game that comes some 20 years to the day from a famous fixture with Aberdeen.

September 24, 1996 saw a crowd of over 6,000 cram into Jenner Park for an unforgettable midweek encounter, as Gary Barnett's Dragons and Roy Aitken's Dons contested a 3-3 thriller in the rain.

The club has experienced significant highs and lows in the 20 years since, but remain in contention on four fronts this season, while continuing to establish solid foundations, both on and off the pitch.

With the fan-owned outfit steadily expanding to encompass over 30 teams across its various sections, Saturday evening sees a full club race night at the Jenner Suite (7pm start), with any remaining tickets available from secretary David Cole on 07557 665 847.

Meanwhile, admission for the Welsh League match between Barry and Caldicot at Jenner Park earlier in the day is £5 at the turnstiles, with concessions for senior citizens, students and children.

Kick-off is at 2.30pm, with local youth football and the presentation of the inaugural Academy player of the month awards among the accompanying events.

AC

Solid win for Dinas ladies

DINAS POWYS Ladies started this game against Willow Ladies the faster, coming out the blocks 100 mph, but a lack of composure stopped them romping into a four goal lead within the opening 10 minutes.

The visitors then changed their shape and went very attack-minded to keep the pressure on. For long periods Dinas had the home side pinned in but failure to hit the target kept the scoreline at 0-0 for the first half.

The first half was a very positive display from the villagers as they kept trying to force the game but were denied by some very good defending, poor finishing and a keeper who worked overtime.

Following a few stern words and a gentle reminder of what they had worked on at training, the Dinas girls took only 10 minutes to take a two goal lead as Molly Chapman and Taylor Page both turned provider for Laura Murray and Naomi Wilson.

Willows never gave in and with a limited squad always looked to play and counter, but Leanne Pattermore marshalled her defence and Alex Allen, Catrin O'Connell, Vicki Elison, Kelly Tuck and Stephanie Garner-Joel all worked tirelessly to give Lea Phillips her first clean sheet of the season.

Molly Chapman added the third as her pace got her goal side to strike from 20 yards.

Gemma Crowley, Jodi Bowles and Holly Rye showed their worth as all three proved valuable replacements and ran themselves into the ground.

Player of the match was Joanne Blackman-Jones who pressed, tackled, and played some top draw football throughout, showing age is no barrier.

This was a very solid all round performance from a team that has a great spirit and attitude to match any, the final score 3-0.

LS

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Rhoose Lifeguards fly the flag for Surf Lifesaving

A group of Rhoose Lifeguards competitors recently competed for a number of Welsh clubs at the World Championship Lifesaving 2016 event held in Holland.

LEFT: Alex Parry and RIGHT: Millie Wiggins.

Taking place from September 1-18, Millie Wiggins, Alex Parry, Tanara O'Neill and Jack Giddings made the journey to compete in their respective age groups.

With Millie representing Rhoose, Alex and Jack representing Penybont and Tanara competing for Mumbles, all members enjoyed a truly memorable few days away at the championships. Masters competitor Karen was also at the championships, competing with Cornish club Polzeath.

To summarise their successes, Millie with Rhoose, who is just 15, was competing in the 18 & under.

In her surf ski race with over 80 competitors she raced through the heats, quarter and semi-finals and finished a very confident ninth place in the final.

Being the youngest in the race she had some tough competition but put in what was by far her best performance in a ski race all season - and she finished smiling!

In Millie's sprint event there were a massive 140 competitors and she got through to the B final and finished in second place, ranking her 10th overall.

In Millie's board race with over 80 competitors, she worked her way through to the semi-finals achieving 13th place.

Finally Millie also put in a very determined performance in the beach flags competition working her way through to the quarter-finals.

Up next, was Alex competing with Penybont, who had a very enjoyable championships, competing against over 100 competitors from around the world.

He made the semi-finals in his board race and Ironman event, missing out on a final position by just one place in each of the races - the Ironman race being a multi-disciplinary one including the three sea events; surf swim, board and ski.

He then went onto finish in sixth place overall in his individual surf ski race after leading the race for nearly the whole course.

He also finished seventh in the team taplin event and reached the semis in beach flags. Well done Alex, some excellent results against some tough competition.

Lastly, Jack, competing again with Penybont, and Tanara, representing Mumbles club, also had a very rewarding and enjoyable competition with Tanara reaching the final in the taplin relay and finishing in seventh place. Jack also made the A final in the open taplin relay against a strong field of competitors.

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